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Pencoed Squadron celebrates success

Pencoed ATC at their presentation evening. Photograph by Julie Hancock.

THE Pencoed ATC Squadron, recently celebrated a highly successful year that included the RBL Poppy and awards ceremony, Armed Forces Day in Bridgend, summer camps, and Battle of Britain parades at St Athan and Neath.

Fundraising efforts included £1,090.41 for the RBL Poppy Appeal. It was the second year in a row that the £1,000 target was exceeded, but with fewer cadets, as many were away at camp for the first week.

Award winners

Sports Award 2015 (Lewis Trophy) for the cadet who has, during the last 12 months, excelled at sports went to Cpl Richards.

Best Newcomer Award 2015, open to cadets who have joined within the last 12 months, was awarded to Cdt McKean.

Best Shot Award 2015, presented by Rev Ian Hodges, went to Cpl Brown.

Most Improved Award 2015, Cpl McMahan.

Community Award 2015 – Eric Alford Memorial Award, FS Vicker.

Best NCO Award 2015, Sgt Wall.

Best Cadet Award 2015, Cdt Philips.

TEETH KNOCKED OUT IN PAVILION INCIDENT

Man is attacked at a superstore awards evening

Report by AJ SICLUNA

VIOLENCE flared at a supermarket awards function in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion when two men attacked a colleague, who suffered injuries including two broken teeth which will cost £3,750 to replace.

At Cardiff Crown Court, his attackers Tomas Lilley, 26, of Cockett, Swansea, and Nicholas Regan, 27, of West Cross, Swansea, each admitted causing actual bodily harm to Michael Jones.

Each was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work.

In addition, each was ordered to pay their victim £1,875 compensation and to pay £100 victim impact sum. Recorder Jeremy Jenkins said: "You both became carried away and became involved in uncharacteristic acts of violence.

"You both have lost your jobs, which is already part of the punishment."

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on September 16, the Sainsbury's supermarket giant was holding an awards ceremony at the Grand Pavilion to recognise achievements of staff.

A number of people were mingling in the bar, including Mr Jones, a member of the company's staff in Bridgend.

He became engaged in conversation with people and became "verbally challenging".

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Rubbish collection debate

Residents in the borough can question a senior council officer later today about plans for black bag collections.

For full details, turn to the complete article on page 3.

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READERS' LETTERS

Wrist bands: *What is the problem?*

SO First Minister Carwyn Jones is appalled that some asylum seekers in Cardiff have been asked to wear wrist bands in order to access food.

Well, I suggest that he takes a walk through the streets of central Cardiff, where he would also be 'shocked and appalled' to see the number of homeless people of this city and country – many young boys and girls – sleeping in shop doorways and begging for a few pence for a cup of tea.

Having lived in Cardiff all my life, almost 80 years now, I have never before seen so many homeless people in this so-called vibrant city of ours.

I don't think for one minute that if these hapless homeless people were given the chance of three meals a day, on the understanding that they would have to wear a red wristband, that they would turn down the offer.

Incidentally, I have to wear a red wristband myself only – thank heavens – this happens to be a Medical Alert one!

Brian Lee, Cardiff.

Praise for the Welsh NHS

THERE is much negative reporting regarding the Welsh NHS, so I feel I must put into print my experience.

I recently spent some time in Ward 9 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, having hip replacement surgery. I have nothing but the highest praise for everyone working on that ward. Nothing was too much trouble for the hard-working staff, the care I received was outstanding, and patient dignity was of the utmost importance.

Hospital food comes in for much criticism, but, although a 'fussy eater', I was well fed and happy!

So well done Ward 9 staff, and many, many thanks.

Helen Forder, Llantwit Major.

'Sub-standard NHS service'

THE Welsh Assembly is failing the NHS in Wales – Dr Robin Roop, head of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine in Wales, says some patients are waiting 24 hours in A&E.

He says no A&E department in Wales has enough staff to meet minimum staffing levels.

This looks pretty close to chaos to me. It seems our NHS and many other UK national institutions are being split into smaller and less effective units, for no other purpose than to satisfy the little empire builders in Cardiff Bay.

They don't seem to care that their actions mean that the people of Wales have to put up with a sub-standard service.

I say we should get rid of this unnecessary, expensive and damaging layer of politicians. We can save ourselves a pile of money and a heap of troubles.

David Bevan, Groes Faen,
Leader of Abolish the Welsh Assembly Party.

'Wales opened up a new world'

LONDONERS by birth, because of my husband's job, it mean moving to Wales.

It turned out for the best. His job took him to other countries, including three times a year to Hong Kong.

For me, it opend up a new world. I have achieved things I would never thave done if I had stayed in London. For this, I am truly grateful.

Mrs Trixie Heveron, Rhoose.

PICTURED, left to right: Mrs Kate Thomas CVO, Cadet Staff Sergeant Tyler Maidment, Cadet Flight Sergeant Sami Bryant, Leading Cadet Lucy Ann Hefford, Cadet Sergeant Emily Taylor, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Mrs Jayne James and Pontypridd Town Mayor, Coun Mrs Jayne Brencher.

Cadets Tyler and Emily join the Lord Lieutenant's 'staff'!

TWO teenagers from Bridgend and Porthcawl have been appointed as the Lord-Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan's Cadets at an awards ceremony in Pontypridd.

Cadet Staff Sergeant Tyler Maidment and Cadet Sergeant Emily Taylor were given a distinctive sash with the badge of their appointment for 2016, in front of 100 people at the University of South Wales' conference centre.

Emily, who was following in her sibling's footsteps, was on stage moments after her brother Matthew had received a certificate for carrying out the same role in 2015.

She said: "It came as a huge shock to me. I thought I'd get looked over because my brother got it last year and I thought they'd chose someone from a different squadron or family for variety. It's one of the greatest honours I've achieved through the Air Training Corps, so far.

"I'm so excited about the upcoming year and the things I'll be able to see and do while representing the county."

The 18-year-old, who is a part of 2347 (Porthcawl) Squadron Air Training Corps, was selected for the Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet role after being put forward for nomination by Cadet group leaders and the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Wales.

The role includes attendance with the Lord-Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, Mrs Kate Thomas CVO, who acts as the Queen's representative, at a number of official engagements, including remembrance events, Royal visits and parades.

With a long family history in the RAF, Emily has completed the ATC leadership course and began the qualified aerospace instructors' course. However, they're not the only assets in her skillset, having recently finished studying for English, French and German AS levels.

Emily's hunger to improve and dedication to self-development has led to a nomination for the coveted Dacre Brooch, the annual award for the UK's most accomplished female Cadet.

She said: "I'm learning how to do air traffic control, radio communications, the basics of flight controls and a lot more. It's a very broad subject and I don't expect to ever stop learning.

"There are opportunities like this for everyone. If you've just become a Cadet, I'd just say work hard and you will get what you deserve. Have some confidence in what you're doing because your instructors will guide you the right way and you will achieve what you want to."

Tyler (17) has established a senior level of responsibility at Dyfed and Glamorgan Army Cadet Forces' Bridgend detachment, since joining in 2010. After his recent enrolment on an Institute for Leadership and Management sponsored course, Tyler credits the Army Cadets with helping him to secure a position as an apprentice with Ultimate Physique by Kate Austin.

He said: "Cadets have helped me a lot. I'm a leader in the Cadets now and as an apprentice in work, it's given me confidence and communication skills. I can deal with more clients now and I'm working my way up.

"It's been such a great honour. I didn't expect the appointment; I was in shock when I found out. I couldn't believe it; it didn't sink in until I told everyone in work and everyone in Bridgend."

Tyler has immersed himself in all opportunities available with the Army Cadets, attending as many County and National events as possible but he's committed to helping others, too. He has consistently delivered a high standard of instruction to junior cadets, also leading the Wales Army Cadet Force Rugby team to victory and he's willing to represent his area in a more formal fashion as Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet.

He said: "I'm looking forward to everything that comes as a Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet. I'd love to see the Royal family, it would be another honour to be involved in welcoming them to Wales."

The two other Lord-Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan Cadets for 2016 are Cadet Flight Sergeant Sami Bryant from 2077 (Pontyclun) Squadron Air Training Corps and Leading Cadet Lucy Ann Hefford from Rhondda Sea Cadets Corps.

PACT meetings

***SARN/BRYNCOCH PACT** on February 1 at Sarn Life Centre, 7pm.*

***LLANGEINOR PACT** on February 3 at the Richard Price Centre, 5.30pm.*

***BRYNCETHIN PACT** on February 3 at Nazareth Chapel, 6pm.*

***CORNELLY/PYLE/CEFN PACT** on February 4 at Pyle Life Centre, 6.30pm.*

***OGMORE VALE/NANTYMOEL PACT** on February 10 at Dinam Close Sheltered Accommodation, 7pm.*

***BETTWS PACT** on February 19 at Bettws Life Centre, 1.30pm.*

***BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT** on February 29 at Blaengarw RFC lounge, 6.30pm.*

***ABERKENFIG/PENYFAI PACT** on February 29 at Smyrna Chapel, 7pm.*

Would you like to serve as a magistrate?

HAVE you ever considered joining the magistracy? This unique form of public service is now recruiting new magistrates.

"Many people don't realise that anyone can apply to become a magistrate," explained Mr Alun Jenkins, Newcastle and Ogmore Bench Chairman.

"The courts really benefit from having magistrates with as varied a background as possible and we need to recruit applicants from across a spectrum of society. There are absolutely no bars to applying, though some jobs, such as working for the police or prison service, do make you ineligible. That aside, anybody else can apply, whether you're working or not, fit or disabled, just as long as you're aged between 18 and 65. We are particularly interested in recruiting younger magistrates."

Applicants don't need any specific qualifications or legal training but must have visited a court in session at least once before applying.

"This will give them some idea of whether they really are interested,' continued Mr Jenkins. 'It will also enable them to give fuller answers to some of the questions that will be asked of them during the recruitment process. It's all about recruiting people with the right attitude. It's a challenging role but ultimately very fulfilling, particularly in terms of helping your community."

Full training is given before successful applicants start sitting in court and a mentoring system is in place, with regular appraisals throughout your time on the Bench.

"You sit as a Bench of three, in any case," said Mr Jenkins. '

"And a legal advisor is also present to advise you, so you are never alone. There is plenty of support and always someone who knows the answers to your questions."

All criminal cases, from speeding to murder, start in the magistrates' courts and most remain there, with only a very small number progressing to the Crown Court. Guidelines are available to supplement the training so that consistency in sentencing is maintained.

If you think volunteering as a magistrate could be for you, visit www.gov.uk/become-magistrate.

Recruitment dates run from February 15 to March 11.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	02.36	7.6	14.57	7.8
05 Fri	03.41	7.9	16.08	8.1
06 Sat	04.36	8.6	16.59	8.7
07 Sun	05.23	9.2	17.48	9.3
08 Mon	06.09	9.8	18.32	9.9
09 Tues	06.55	10.2	19.14	10.1
10 Wed	07.37	10.5	19.58	10.3
11 Thur	08.19	10.5	20.39	10.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Soroptimists sing out for Barnardo's!

BRIDGEND Soroptimists enjoyed a delightful fundraising event at the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend, on January 27.

A beetle drive was held, with a silent auction, and following a buffet supper, there was entertainment by Goodness Gracious Glee, a ladies' choral group from Briton Ferry.

The ladies started their performance with some familiar Welsh songs and followed with a selection of songs from the shows, and popular numbers, some old, some not so old, but all well loved. It proved to be a Sing-a-long Soroptimist night!

Good fun, good food and all for a good cause – Barnardo's.

Lively Coast and Oscar still wait for new home

Coast and Oscar.

DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing for a home for Coast and Oscar, two identical pals who came to the Rehoming Centre three years ago as puppies.

The pair are Husky cross Spaniels and are looking for energetic new owners who will keep them entertained.

Although sweet natured, friendly dogs, they both celebrated their third birthday at the centre at the beginning of this year. Despite both finding homes for short periods, they were sadly returned as they need so much exercise.

Linda Feagan, Dogs Trust Bridgend Supporter Relations Officer said: "Oscar and Coast have become firm favourites here at the rehoming centre and have made so many friends during their stay. Their time at Dogs Trust has been ticking along steadily and, despite both finding homes, they both came back to us six months later, and just celebrated their third birthday with us.

"While we have done everything we can to ensure they both have a wonderful stay with us, we know they are desperate to one day wake up in a loving new home.

"They are both fun, very energetic dogs with so much love to give and are happiest when zipping about outside."

If you think you can give a dog a loving home, call Dogs Trust on 0300 303 0292. For more information, visit www.dogstrust.org.uk

Council's Q & A session on black bags debate

RESIDENTS in Bridgend county borough will get a chance today (Thursday) at 5.30pm to question a senior BCBC officer on Twitter and Facebook about black bag waste collection plans.

The council's corporate director for communities, Mark Shephard will be logging on to the local authority's social media accounts from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, Thursday, February 4, to answer local residents' questions.

To submit a question, visit the council's social media accounts at *www.twitter.com/bridgendcbc* or *www.facebook.com/bridgendcbc* at 5.30pm on Thursday evening.

Instructions for how to get involved on Facebook will be posted on the council's account ahead of the Q&A, while Twitter users can get their questions in early by using the hashtag #BCBCwaste.

The council's waste consultation is asking residents to give their opinions on the following options for how often black bags should be collected in the future;

Option one: Fortnightly collections that are restricted to two black bags.

Option two: Three week collections that are restricted to three black bags.

Option three: Four week collections with unrestricted black bags.

All three options have resulted in increased recycling rates after being introduced or trialled by councils elsewhere in the UK. Bridgend County Borough Council's waste consultation also invites residents for their views on proposals to introduce a nappy recycling service, whether they would prefer to store their waste in black bags or wheelie bins, and if they agree with proposed changes to how some household waste amenity sites operate.

Mark Shephard said: "Our social media accounts have become and effective way for residents to communicate with us, which is why we are using them increasingly as part of our public consultations.

"The Twitter and Facebook Q&As that we held as part of our recent 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' consultation were viewed almost 50,000 times, which shows that this is a great way for us to connect directly with large numbers of citizens.

"Any future collection service needs to strike a balance between understanding the preferences of local residents, meeting Welsh Government recycling targets and keeping costs affordable.

"I am looking forward to speaking with local people and seeing first-hand their responses to our proposals on Thursday evening."

The council's waste consultation runs until Monday 8 February. For further details and to fill in an online survey about the proposals, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation.

For more information, call the Consultation team on (01656) 643664 or email consultation@bridgend.gov.uk.

'Cut town's parking charges' CALL

LOCAL Conservatives have called on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to follow the lead of Neath Port Talbot Council and reduce car parking charges.

NPT Council has announced a series of reductions in the costs of short stay parking of up to 20 per cent and Bridgend Assembly candidate George Jabbour and Regional AM Suzy Davies urge BCBC to "cut the cost of shopping" in both Bridgend and Porthcawl.

George Jabbour said: "Charges in Neath and Port Talbot – two towns which directly compete with Bridgend and Porthcawl for trade – were reduced last week. We need to give traders in both towns a chance to compete and draw in customers and also stem the loss of trade as residents of Bridgend borough go elsewhere to shop. We know that high parking charges are a deterrent to shoppers.

"BCBC already has inconsistencies in its parking policy, as car parking remains free in Maesteg, for historic reasons, and there are also free car parks elsewhere in the borough. Only shoppers in Bridgend and Porthcawl have to pay to park and while the council argues that it cannot afford to introduce free parking, they should at least alter the pricing structure to give people an incentive to visit these two towns.

"Traders have already produced their own proposals to make parking progressively cheaper to encourage people to stay longer and we are urging the council to cut overall charges by 20 per cent to match what NPT are doing."

Suzy Davies, Regional AM for South Wales West, added: "In the age of the internet, shoppers not only buy things online but they can also check the level of parking charges in neighbouring towns.

"BCBC has said that it is focussing on attracting locals to our towns, rather than worrying about bringing in people from further afield, but other councils are more ambitious than that and low parking charges may have the effect of luring shoppers away from Bridgend and Porthcawl – a double whammy for traders."

The GEM asked BCBC to comment, but a reply had not been received at the time of going to press.

MAN ATTACKED

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With that, Regan delivered a flurry of punches to his head and body, and Mr Jones went to the floor.

"Lilley lunged forward and kicked him in the face. All of this was recorded on CCTV," said Mr Greenwood.

The defendants were arrested and each said: "No comment" to the police.

Mr Jones had two front teeth knocked out and a cut upper lip. He said his confidence has been affected because he feels unable to smile.

Alex Scott for Regan said he didn't wish to minimise the offence, but there was a degree of provocation.

Stuart John, for Lilley, said he had lost his good character. Fortunately, he had found alternative employment.

Volunteers' lunch

VOLUNTEERS on the Good Neighbours Scheme in Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and the western Vale enjoyed a belated Christmas/New Year lunch last week at St Athan Golf Club.

The volunteers, even some who are in employment, found time to join together for a excellent meal and quiz.

Western Vale Good Neighbours will be organising a sponsored 'Dog Walk' in March to raise funds for the charity in Llantwit Major, an informal, friendly affair for owners and their dogs.

PACT meetings

LITCHARD, PENDRE AND COITY PACT, Litchard Mission, Litchard today (February 4) at 4.30pm.

REST BAY AND NOTTAGE, Nottage Scout Hall, on February 9 at 8pm.

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON AND MERTHYR MAWR, Laleston Gardening Club, on February 11 at 7pm.

PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL, Porthcawl Fire Station, on February 16 at 6.30pm.

BRACKLA PACT, at Junior School, Brackla Way, on February 25 at 6.30pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT, Westward Community Centre, on February 29 at 6.30pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD AND BRYNHYFRYD, at Westward Community Centre, on February 29 at 6.30pm.

MORFA TOWN PACT, Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street on March 7 at 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL, Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on March 17 at 2pm.

FELINDRE, HENDRE, PENPRYSG (PENCOED) AND COYCHURCH PACT, Miners' Welfare Hall, Pencoed on March 21 at 2pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT, The Library, Bryntg Comprehensive School on March 30 at 6.30pm.

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La France says 'merci' to Joe from Bridgend

Joe (Henry) Corless from Bridgend was awarded the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur.

BRIDGEND World War Two veteran Joe (Henry) Corless aged 90, was honoured by France(January 28 2016), for his actions during the D-Day landings and participation in the freeing of Europe from Nazi tyranny.

Joe, who is originally from Torquay, enlisted in the Royal Marines in 1941, after cycling 32 miles to Plymouth where he joined the elite Commando unit with his best friend, after lying about his age to the recruitment officer. He was only 16 years old.

After completing Commando training, Joe and his comrades took part in the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, storming German fortified positions from their assault craft at Sword Beach.

During a campaign which saw Joe advance through France, he was finally ordered to take part in the liberation of the Channel Islands and was one of thousands of troops who oversaw the repatriation of Guernsey, just as the Nazis capitulated.

At a special ceremony held at the Pier Head Building in Cardiff Bay, Joe and 11 other World War Two veterans were awarded France's highest medal for bravery, *'The Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur'* by French Ambassador, Sylvie Bermann.

The ceremony was attended by members of the veterans' families and local dignitaries, who included the Lord Lieutenant, and Steven Crabb, the Secretary of State for Wales.

The GEM spoke to Joe after the ceremony in his local pub, the West House in Bridgend, where the landlady Mandy Rees, arranged a celebratory evening for Joe and his friends from the Royal British Legion and Bridgend United Services Club.

Joe said he felt very honoured and proud to be recognised by the French government for his role in the allied invasion of Europe.

After de-mob in 1946, Joe originally settled in Caerau with his new wife, and moved to Bridgend in 1979.

He spent many post-war years working as a mechanical foreman at British Steel in Port Talbot, until his well-deserved retirement.

The *Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur*, is one of France's highest gallantry medals and was established on May 19, 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte. The honour is divided into five categories, Chevalier (Knight), which Joe was awarded, Officer, Commander and Grand Officer.

Bridgend is rightfully proud to receive its latest and courageous Knight, Joe Corless. Congratulations from The GEM!

Report and images by Randell John

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Christopher Pinkham – **Anchorage, Bryneglwys Avenue, Newton** – Fell six trees, remove limbs of four trees, crown lift one tree, 30 per cent crown reduction, one tree.

Valleys to Coast – **Wood Green, Cefn Glas, Bridgend** – Programme of works to several trees including reducing limbs, remove dead wood and crown balancing.

Mr Gareth Evans – **13 Newcastle Hill, Bridgend** – Replace four white wood framed windows with white UPVC double glazed windows (in three times sash windows).

Canadian Solar – **Seaview Farm, Pyle Road, Porthcawl** – Approval of details for conditions 9 and 10 of P/14/148/FUL.

Reserve Forces and Cadet Association – **Territorial Army Centre, Heol West Plas, Coity** – Demolish existing building and construct new storage facility.

Mr R Marr – **4 The Whimbrels, Porthcawl** – Single storey rear extension with balcony over front, side and internal alterations, loft conversion and garden store.

Mr Steve Dangerfield – **The Sandpiper Inn, 52 New Road, Porthcawl** – Rear ground floor extension.

Mr Appan Sithamprappillia – **46A Garn Road, Maesteg** – Second storey extension, external steel staircase, two-bed flat over new A3 use rear of exterior for hot food takeaway.

Trimmager Limited – **19 Heronstone Park, Heronstone Lane, Bridgend** – Erection of UPVC conservatory.

Mr Gareth Evans – **13 Newcastle Hill, Bridgend** – Replace patio door and frame (wood) with new door and frame (UPVC double glazing) at rear of property.

Mr Trevor Adkin – **74 Rockfields, Porthcawl** – Approval of details for cond. 1 of P/15/780/FUL.

Mr S L Clarke – **20 Heol Pantruthin, Pencoed** – Single storey granny annexe extension.

Ms J Thomas – **Grove Farm Yard, off A4229 South Cornelly** – Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) for two sheds, access, storage, maintenance of equipment and display/sale of agricultural produce.

Mr Robert Morgan – **Ffordd y Gyfraith Farm, Ffordd-y-Gyfraith, Bridgend** – Discharge of condition 2 (P/15/481/RES).

Mrs Sarah Hopkins – **Rose Cottage, Bryn Road, Coychurch** – Proposed two-storey extension to side of existing house and demolition of existing porch to create new door opening.

Mrs H Kendall – **10 Tennyson Drive, Cefn Glas** – Construct covered walkway to rear.

Waterstone Homes and Hafod Housing – **Bayswater Tubes site, Heol y Geifr, Pencoed –** Discharge condition 7 of P/15/110/OUT; discharge condition 2 of application P/15/738/RES.

BDW Trading Ltd – **Playing field at Ysgol Bryn Castell, Llangewydd Road, Bridgend** – Non-material amendment to P/15/25/FUL; amend materials layout to change all garages to render.

Mr Anthony Smith – **Land between 16 and 17 High Street, Ogmore Vale** – Approval for conditions 2 and 4 of P/15/633/FUL.

Mr Thomas – **Penylan House, Heol Las Mawdlam to Heol Drewi Ton Kenfig** – Proposed single storey side lounge extension.

Mr S Kendall – **8 Ty Isaf Road, Cefn Cribwr** – Single storey rear extension.

Scimitar Homes – **Coity Primary School, Heol-y-Ysgol, Coity** – Approval of details for conditions 1, 2 and 3 of P/15/599/CAC.

Mr Chris Tompkins – **11 Bryn Amlwg, North Cornelly** – Proposed two storey extension.

Maesteg Celtic Cricket Club – **Garth Welfare Park, Maesteg** – Installation of steel container at Garth Welfare Park.

Valleys to Coast Housing – **Land at St Illtyds Road, Bridgend** – Landscape improvements, parking and associated works.

Mr and Mrs Steve Quinn – **100 Heol West, Plas Coity** – Balcony to front with first floor side extension, rear ground and first floor extension and roof terrace.

Valleys to Coast Housing – **Land at Heol y Frenhines, Cefn Glas** – 16 dwellings, new access, car parking, open space, landscaping and associated works.

In line for Age Cymru award

AN Ogmore Vale woman, a Bridgend men's group and a local hospital ward have been shortlisted for a national award.

Rosalyn Williams, the Squirrel's Nest in Bridgend and Ward 18 of the Princess of Wales Hospital are all up for the Age Cymru 'Outstanding Contribution Award', which is sponsored by Hugh James.

They have all been shortlisted for the award for the positive impact they have made to the lives of older people.

Age Cymru's chief executive Ian Thomas said: "I'd like to congratulate Rosalyn Williams, the Squirrel's Nest and Ward 18 of the Princess of Wales Hospital on being shortlisted for the 'Outstanding Contribution Award' and wish them the best of luck.

"The purpose of the Age Cymru Awards is to celebrate and recognise the outstanding contributions that groups and individuals make towards improving the lives of older people and in turn help to create an age-friendly Wales.

"We've had a record number of nominations from around the country for this year's awards and the standard has been very high."

Age Cymru will be announcing the winners of the awards at its Annual Awards and Gala Dinner – supported by Barchester Healthcare, in Cardiff on March 11.

Broadcaster Lucy Owen is hosting the Age Cymru annual awards and gala dinner.

For tickets to this event, contact the Age Cymru fundraising team on 029 2043 1555.

Busy programme of events at Coity WI

THE first meeting of the year at Coity WI was a very busy one, with members catching up after the Christmas break and a very happy atmosphere prevailing.

President Lyn Griffiths thanked our secretary, Jean Rees, for producing yet another excellent programme for us.

As well as contacting speakers and arranging rotas, Jean has also designed and printed the programme, which is neat, informative and attractive.

Coming events include a show at the New Theatre, a trip to RHS Wisley, and a day out to Gareth's Kitchen, to include both cookery and flower arranging demonstrations.

More local activities include the link meeting to be held at Pencoed in March with a 'Black and White' theme, the continuation of the craft group, the coffee morning and the walking group, which re-commences in the spring.

The darts team are already in preparation for their competition in February.

The NFWI annual meeting is to be held in Brighton, and Terri Moore will represent Coity WI.

We also selected the Resolution for 2016. Lyn introduced the eight issues which we were invited to discuss and members voted on the resolution that they would like to see shortlisted for further debate at the annual meeting.

After the business was completed we still had time for tea and cake – homebaked by the committee – and a hilarious game of Beetle.

The next meeting of Coity WI will be held on February 18 at 7pm at Gilead Chapel, Coity. The speaker will be our own Lyn Griffiths whose subject is 'Call the midwife – the truth about midwifery today'. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ES

Chill fest keeps the Guides on their toes!

Girls from Porthcawl senior section unit at Chill Fest.

GIRLGUIDING Cymru members from across Wales came together for a special winter festival for girls and young women.

Girls from Porthcawl Senior Section Unit Lauren Cooper (14), Emily Childs (15) and Katie Pickett, (14) enjoyed an action-packed weekend at 'Chill Fest'—featuring live music, water zorbing and caving.

The event is one of a host of girl-led celebrations this year to mark 100 years of the senior section – Girlguiding's section for girls aged 14 to 25.

The chilly camp, which took place at Girlguiding Cymru's headquarters at Broneirion from January 22 to 24, gave over 70 girls a chance to test their skills by braving the cold winter weather. There were loads of activities to choose from, including climbing, zumba, geocaching, self defence and pyrography followed by a disco to keep them warm!

Members of The Senior Section were challenged to bouldering, zip wire, archery, giant inflatables and cycling, with karaoke and a bit of pampering on offer too!

Chief commissioner, Lesley Mathews said: "From the relaxation corner to caving, Chill Fest has given all the girls and young women here the chance to try something new and make great friends.

"It's been fantastic to see so many girls and young women from across the whole of Wales. I can't thank the volunteers enough for putting on such a thrilling weekend."

Girlguiding opens up a world of exciting opportunities to girls aged five to 25, giving them the chance to explore their individual skills and abilities and try out new challenges as part of a team.

Girls can get involved in everything from science experiments and performing arts, to adventure sports and community action projects. For more information, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

LW

Pencoed pupils set their sights on World Cup!

THE following Pencoed Comprehensive pupils will be representing Wales at the Dance World Cup in Jersey in June: Cerian Jordan, Hannah Richardson, Lillie Mai Jones, Cerys Johnson, Caitlin Davies, Anya Evans, Ellie Jones, Charlotte Costelow, Freya Harding, Ella Shaughnessy, Cerys Thomas, Allys Pope, Niamh Owen and David Sheldon.

In addition, Cerian Jordan has been selected by the Dance World Cup UK Manager to be the flag bearer for Wales at the opening ceremony of the competition. Good luck to them all in the competition and their fundraising efforts between now and June.

Congratulations also to Dean Ronan, rugby development officer for being appointed forwards coach for the Wales women's senior national team for this year's Six Nations Competition.

Since joining Pencoed Comprehensive in September, he has been hugely instrumental in increasing participation in rugby by boys and girls at school and local club level. Best wishes to Dean and the team for a successful competition!

LH

Rotary ramblers take a stroll along the beach!

Rotary ramblers gather on the beach.

THIS month's ramble, organised by Rotarian Hopkin Joseph, started on January 20 at Remos Restaurant on the Aberavon seafront.

It was one of the few bright, dry and clear days of recent months as eight Rotarians (and a dog) set out to enjoy the coastline.

The ramblers went westwards along the promenade, then dropping down across a rock sea wall to the beach, which is one of the longest in the area. The objective was to walk to the River Neath about one and a half miles away.

Encouraged by the clear day and the view of most of east Swansea and Mumbles on the skyline ahead, the Rotarians reached the River Neath in approximately one hour. The tide was low so that the river was easily navigated.

The return journey offered a different vista of Port Talbot breakwater, docks and cranes ahead. All participants experienced an enjoyable few hours in rare sunshine and then returned to Remos for a welcome drink and snack.

The next monthly 'Rotary Ramble with Hopkin' is scheduled for February 17.

Churches Together for an annual meeting

THE annual general meeting of Churches Together was held in Trinity with 30 representatives of the churches and associated bodies.

Mr Martin Rock was elected president for the ensuing two years and other officers were re-elected. Two members of the executive committee stood down having served Churches Together for many years, the last six as members of the committee. They were: Mrs Hazel Calder and Mrs Liz Rees, both of whom were created honorary life members and presented with framed citations by the Town Mayor.

A fascinating and encouraging address was given by the minister of Trinity, Rev Professor Teddy Kalongo, leader of the United Churches of Zambia, which encompasses all the Christian churches there.

The churches' Lent course is organised by Churches Together in Porthcawl and once again will be led by the different churches commencing on February 15 as follows:

Pilgrimage – Lent course 2016, 7.15pm; February 15, Tabernacl; February 23, Trinity; March 2, All Saints; March 10, Gilgal; March 18, Stella Maris.

Hazel Calder and Liz Rees with the Mayor.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE!

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is marking National Voter Registration Day (today, February 4) by reminding local residents not to lose their right to vote at upcoming elections.

On Thursday, May 5, elections will be held for both the National Assembly for Wales and the Police & Crime Commissioner, but in order to cast their votes, eligible voters will need to join the Individual Electoral Register (IER) before the cut-off date of Monday, April 18.

The introduction of the new IER system last year means that all eligible voters living at an address are now responsible for registering themselves - and for the first time ever, they can do it online, by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

The process is quick and involves filling out a form with details such as your name, address, previous address, nationality, date of birth and national insurance number.

Once a voter's details have been verified with the Department of Work & Pensions, they will receive a letter from the council confirming that they have been registered.

Anyone who registered to vote last year, but has since moved house, will need to update their address details, in order to be eligible to vote this year.

For those without internet access, applications can be completed over the phone – call BCBC on 01656 643293 and ask a member of staff for help. Alternatively, paper versions can be sent out by emailing electoral@bridgend.gov.uk.

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Outdoor bowls

AT the recent World Bowls qualifying competition held in Paphos, Cyprus, the Welsh team, led by team manager, Alun Hodges, and including another Bridgend county borough resident, Paul Taylor, successfully qualified in all four disciplines for World Bowls in Christchurch, New Zealand, to be held in November/December.

For this event, qualifying was changed from team qualification, to individual disciplines, making the process more difficult.

However, and without two of the players who won medals in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, the selected players produced outstanding performances to return, not only with full qualification, but with silver and bronze medals in the rinks and triples, with Paul Taylor adding silver to his bronze from Glasgow!

As a bonus, the rinks defeated world champions, Scotland to achieve the silver medal.

Alun, in his final year of his four-term appointment, takes the team to New Zealand twice, firstly in March for a Six Nations event, featuring the hosts, plus Australia, South Africa, Scotland and Malaysia.

This event is being used as preparation for World Bowls, although Paul is one of seven players unable to travel in March, so it is being used as part of a future development programme.

Alun is confident that despite missing these seven players, the team will compete fully against most of the strongest teams in a World Bowls and be an indicator for later in the year.

On his return from Cyprus, Alun was delighted to have been installed as junior vice-president of Wales for the 2016 season, which will result in him becoming president in 2018. A massive honour!

Saint's concert

OGMORE Vale Male Voice Choir is busy rehearsing a new repertoire use in its St David's Day concert on Tuesday, March 1 at 7pm in Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmore Vale.

This annual event is held to express its thanks to its lady supporters. Titled 'Cawl a Chan', members of the audience are provided with a bowl of cawl, Welsh cakes and bara brith, all-inclusive in the cost of entry of £5.

This is a great concert – everything is so relaxed and the audience is encouraged to take part in the entertainment.

The choir rehearses in Canolfan Bethlehem Centre on Thursday evenings and will welcome visitors and new members.

For further information, telephone John on 01656 841429.

Gardening club

LALESTON Gardening Club invites members of the public to listen to a talk by Terry Walton, BBC gardening celebrity, who will be recounting his experiences when propagating plants from seeds and cuttings to use in his allotment.

The talk will take place on Monday, February 8 at 7.30pm in the Grade 2 listed 'Cliff Cottage', High Street, located adjacent to Laleston parish church. Tea and biscuits will be provided after the talk.

The club has a thriving ladies section which meets on the first and third Tuesdays in the month in the same venue at 7.30 pm.

New members are always welcome.

Aberkenfig WI

ABERKENFIG and District Women's Institute is a long-running afternoon WI, with approximately 20 members.

New members and visitors can be sure of a warm welcome at meetings, which are on the second Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting of Aberkenfig WI will be on February 10, when the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir will be coming to entertain us and the competition will be for 'a Tin'.

There will be a cup of tea on offer and the chance to make new friends and rekindle old friendships.

For further information, please call Dilys on 01656 725399.

Parish lunches

KENFIG Hill parish members are selling lunches, beginning on Wednesday, February 10 for seven weeks, in Theo's Charity Shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, at 12noon; price £3, to include soup, bread and cheese.

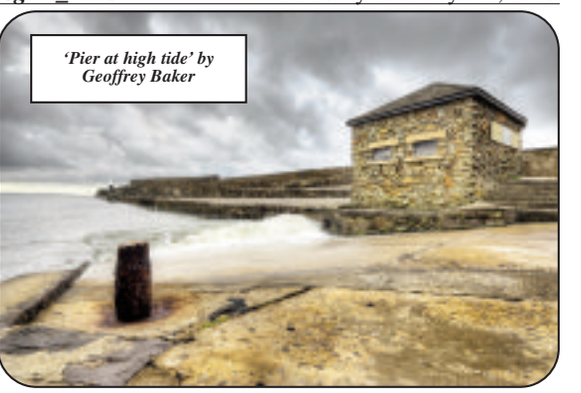
There will be a messy church session for the youngsters on Sunday, February 14, 3pm-5pm in St Theodore's Church. Children and parents welcome.

Voluntary organisations

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations is organising a day for pre-booked 30 minute appointments, in collaboration with the BBC Children in Need programme on Friday, February 26 at its Maesteg offices, from 10am-4pm.

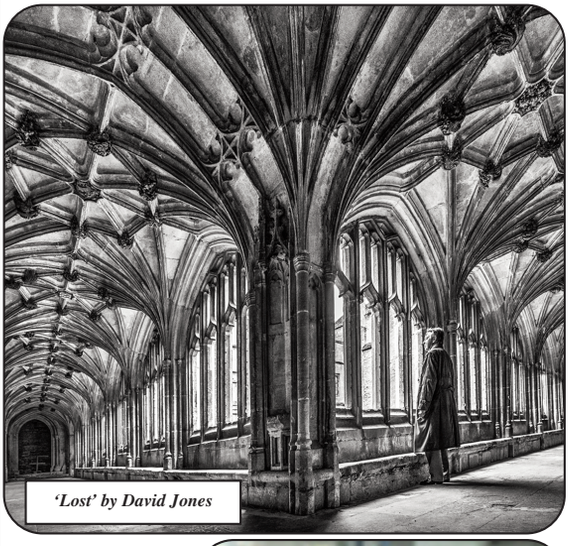
It will be open to voluntary and community groups that work with disadvantaged youngsters in the Bridgend area.

The BBC will have a Children in Need grants officer, James Bird in attendance who will discuss the eligibility and potential of the group's proposal.



'Pier at high tide' by Geoffrey Baker

Top prints and digital entries scoop awards at society's annual exhibition



'Lost' by David Jones

PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society held their annual club competition on Thursday, January 28 at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel in Porthcawl.

The competition was split into two sections, one for prints and one for digital images, with a trophy for each. Each member could enter up to two images into each competition.

Jenny Hibbert judged both competitions, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

In the print section the winner with 20 points was 'Lost' by David Jones. There were two prints with 19 points; 'Pier at High Tide' by Geoffrey Baker and 'Ogmore Sunset' by Richard Craze. There were also two prints with 18 points: 'Zorro's Mine' by Martyn Derbyshire and 'Just Another Day' by Jeff Evans.

In the digital section, the winner with 20 points was 'Take that!' by Richard Jenkins. There were four images with 19 points; 'Gothic Ruin' by David Jones, 'Female Siskin' and 'Jay' by Geoffrey Baker and 'Porthcawl Fireworks' by Philip Harrowing. There were also four images with 18 points: 'Heading Out' by John Corcoran, 'Mountains in the Stone' and 'Three of a Kind' by Richard Craze and 'Sky Blue' by Susan Davies.

'Take That!' by Richard Jenkins

Congratulations to David and Richard on winning the competitions, and a big thank you to all who participated for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

GLYN EDMUNDS

Local couple did not let 50th wedding anniversary stop them collecting for Marie Curie charity!

A COUPLE from Penarth, taking part in their 14th consecutive year of collecting for the Great Daffodil Appeal, are encouraging would-be volunteers to support the Marie Curie charity.

Alan and Hazel Bransfield will again be holding collections across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan during February and March to support the appeal, which is now in its 30th year, and has raised more than £73 million since 1986.

Ahead of the launch of this year's appeal in Wales on February 9, Alan and Hazel have shared what they enjoy about collecting for the appeal in the hope others will sign up to support Marie Curie over the coming weeks.

Alan explained: "Collecting for the Great Daffodil Appeal is great. You meet an awful lot of nice people, and you hear lots of stories from people whose relatives have received care or have been supported by the charity.

"People are very generous," said Hazel: "I think Marie Curie has a particularly special place in people's hearts, because lots of people have witnessed the care and support that the charity offers."

Her advice to new volunteers?

"You've got to be open, friendly and approachable – don't be pushy! If you can say hello to someone you know that attracts other people. We've both lived in Penarth for most of our lives, and we've been collecting for so long that we know lots of people, and they will stop and talk to us and donate."

Alan and Hazel have been married for 53 years, but for the last decade or so, even their wedding anniversary has not stood in the way of their Great Daffodil Appeal collections.

Hazel revealed: "We always do the collections around our wedding anniversary on February 23. We collected on the day of our 50th wedding anniversary, which was brilliant. We went over to the hospice to pick up the stuff for our collection and the fundraising team had ordered us a bouquet of flowers, which was lovely!"

Alan added: "I think we just would like to carry on as long as we can, as long as our health permits, and just try and encourage other people to take part."

To volunteer to collect for Marie Curie and support the Great Daffodil Appeal call 0845 601 3107 or visit http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil. To donate £5 text *DAFF to 70111 or call 0800 716 146 and donate over the phone.

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The Sharks and Jets are coming to Porthcawl!

The Jets in rehearsal.

The girls rehearsing 'I Feel Pretty' with Olivia Hopper (Maria) at the top of the stairs.

AFTER a string of stunning musical shows – last year *Jekyll and Hyde*, and the year before *Phantom of the Opera* – the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) is bringing *West Side Story* to Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion this month, *writes Philip Irwin*.

As the Sondheim/Bernstein classic features great songs, sharp wit, tragedy and high energy dancing, it's a fair bet that the show could play to full houses.

In many ways, the updated Romeo and Juliet story, set in New York with the Sharks and the Jets as the antagonists, is just as relevant today as it ever was.

The show will be directed by Roger Burnell, with Naiomi Pearl Roberts as assistant director.

The musical director is Nathan Jones, and the choreographers will be Andy Burnett, Naiomi Pearl Roberts and Meredith Lewis.

The GEM dropped into a rehearsal as the young cast were working on the show's dance routines, which range from salsa to ballet.

A string of quality actors have found their feet with the BYT – Aneurin Barnard, Amy Morgan, Katie-Elin Salt to name just three, and next stop for some of this cast should be some of the major colleges of music and drama.

Performances:

Open dress rehearsal Wednesday, February 17, 7.30pm, Thursday, February 18. 7.30pm, Friday, February 19, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

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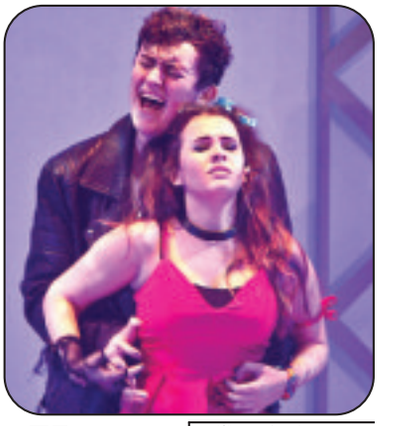
Porthcawl pupils work a 'Kind of Magic' with school musical!

Review by PHILIP IRWIN. Photos by MALCOLM NUGENT

ABOVE: Scaramouche (Anna Arrieta) is menaced by the Ga Ga Girls.

ABOVE: Meat (Molly Brace) and Britney (James Evans-Jones).

BELOW: Jack Davies (Galileo) with Anna Arrieta.



Rhys Owen and Rhiannon Griffiths played the villains of the piece.

Max Bravery played 'Pop'.

THERE was a moment in Porthcawl Comprehensive's production of *We Will Rock You*, in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, when the show moved up from very good to joyous – and I've never said that before about a school show.

I certainly never thought I'd say it about *We Will Rock You*, a 'juke box musical' with a daft plot, but the theatre has the power to surprise you, and the pupils on stage did just that.

The moment (for me) came just before the intermission when four of the principals, Jack Davies (Galileo), Anna Arrieta (Scaramouche), Molly Brace (Meat) and James Evans-Jones (Britney) were singing and dancing to 'Headlong' – a song that only die-hard Queen fans will know well.

It was the moment when the four seemed to realise that they had the audience in the palm of their hand. Stage presence rubbed off from one to the other and it all looked so easy.

To throw in a naff X Factor line 'They owned the stage' – and they knew it. From here on in, everything was coming up roses.

Of course, you don't get these moments without a lot of groundwork, and everyone on stage did their bit. The choreography (by Rhian Atherton) was slick and sharp, and we found out early that the band was first class.

It was great to see that, come the end of the show, the six musicians, with musical director Rhiannon Giles, were given their own very well-deserved ovation.

The principals had to make things come together, and Jack Davies was at the forefront. Galileo is confused. His head is buzzing with phrases he doesn't understand.

We recognise them as pop and rock lyrics, but he is in turmoil, playing the character as an unwilling host to alien ideas.

His body jerks and twitches and rushes round the stage, muttering to himself like a demented Woody Allen.

His vocals get stronger and stronger as the show progresses, as his character finds his sense of purpose, until at the end he is a dominant figure.

The cast do have an unusual problem with the vocals, simply because Anna Arrieta sets the bar so high. Scaramouche's big number ('Somebody to Love') comes early in the show and it is so unusual to find a schoolgirl with such a strong, clear rock voice.

She hasn't come through the usual musical theatre route, and she looked a touch nervous at the start when it came to dialogue, but she got more and more confident as the evening progressed. The fact that her character gets the best jokes helped quite a bit too.

As the villains, Rhiannon Griffiths (Killer Queen) and Rhys Owen (Kashoggi), had plenty to get their teeth into. Killer Queen is an over-the-top role and that is where Rhiannon goes, really enjoying being the epitome of evil. She is very good in the close-up scenes shown on the video screen too.

Rhys has plenty of scope with Kashoggi. He is a suave Bond villain when left to his own devices, but when the Killer Queen is around he is Smithers to her Mr Burns.

He only gets one song ('Seven Seas of Rhye') but he makes the most of it.

Molly Brace and James Evans-Jones make a late appearance in the show, but it is when they are on stage that you realise how much depth there is in this cast, and they do combine with Jack Davies and Anna Arrieta to really kick the show onwards and upwards.

It's amazing to think that Jack and James will be back on the Grand Pavilion stage in just over a fortnight, playing Riff and Tony in the Bridgend Youth Theatre's West Side Story.

Max Bravery (Pop) has a long wait before he is centre stage but he makes the most of it, demonstrating a flair for comedy as the show moves towards its ending.

The finale, when the cast sang 'Bohemian Rhapsody' was an absolute triumph.

We Will Rock You will never be a favourite of mine, and I could do without the mawkish parade of dead rock stars that you get during the song, 'Only the good die young', but that is a minor quibble.

Director Kelly Hardwick has helped her cast work a bit of magic out there, and that is something to be proud of.

The show looked great too, and production manager Joe Smith should be praised for his efforts.

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS BY MALCOLM NUGENT.

We Will Rock You

(Cast and production credits)

Production team:

Director – Miss Kelly Hardwick; Musical director – Mrs Rhiannon Giles; Choreography – Mrs Rhian Atherton; Production manager – Mr Joe Smith; Dance captain – Maddie Dawson; Rehearsal accompanists – Alexandra Hunt, Laurence Hunt. Costume design – Mrs Lezia Davies, Mrs Laura Thompson; Lighting – Mr Richard Davies, Mr Arran Bluck; Sound – Grand Pavilion; Stage manager – Joshua Manley; Deputy stage manager – Samantha Timbrell; Assistant stage manager – Megan Perrin, Sam Stables; Mic Runner – Katie Pickett; Crew – Sam Jones, Ioan Bluck, Elys Davies; Harri Phillips and Cian Delbridge.

The band:

Keyboard – Alexandra Hunt; keyboard/synth – Laurence Hunt; guitars – David Jefferies and Christian Carpenter; bass guitar – Jack Bridger and drums – Huw Griffiths.

The cast:

Killer Queen – RHIANNON GRIFFITHS; Khashoggi – RHYS OWEN; Galileo – JACK DAVIES; Scaramouche – ANNA ARRIETA; Britney – JAMES EVANS-JONES; Meat - MOLLY BRACE; Pop – MAX BRAVERY; Big Macca – ROB DAVIS; Teacher – LAUREN ELLIS-STRETCH.

Named ensemble:

Maddie Dawson; Rob Davis; Lauren Ellis-Stretch; Dan Knowles; Annabelle Morgan; Ben White; Blythe Hughes-Davies; Mitchell Davies; Sophie Wells; Joe O'Neill; Katie Williams; Lydia Pickett; Elin Morris; Stephanie Harper; Megan Goldberger; Kayleigh Hodgson.

Ensemble:

Olivia Onwochei; Erin Brown; Rebecca Green; Lauren Owens; Siobhan Cartwright; Keeley Fry; Phoebe Howells-Hopkins; Lowri Howells; Sophie Williams; Saiorise Davies; Sarah Williams; Rose Ferris-Grice; Layla Millar; Jaycie Dyer; Kiera Mitchell; Alice Webber; Samantha Williams; Lucy Vinen; Georgia Baglow; Lili Price-Bevan; Chloe Green; Charlotte Evans-Jones; Katie Shears; Millie Fry; Megan Morris; George Neeson; Thara Hopkin; Kate Thomas; Rhiannon Tuckett-Jones; Emily James; Daisy Brown; Karah Watkins; Talita Ulmrich; Charlotte Reilly; Rebecca Adams; Taylor Castle; Iwan Hill; Leon Dawe; Zachary Powell.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

KPC Youth and Community are holding a charity golf day on Friday, June 24 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

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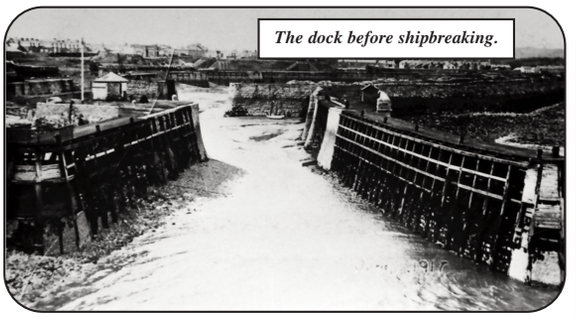
Porthcawl at War – February 1916



The dock before shipbreaking.

St John's Church, Newton.

One of the L-19 medals.

The breakwater.

A Lusitania medal.

Ceri Joseph, of Porthcawl Museum, continues her series, looking at life in Porthcawl during World War One 100 years ago.

WRITING home from France, Jack Turner, Porthcawl's war correspondent, exclaimed: "1916 will see the end! Germany will have to pay for those Zeppelin raids on England." (Porthcawl News, February 17, 1916).

The raid of January 31, 1916, by nine Zeppelins, was one of the largest Britain suffered during the war. Nine Zeppelins dropped 400 bombs on the west midlands' towns of Bradley, Tipton, Wednesbury and Walsall. Across the region, more than 70 people were killed and more than 100 injured in the attacks.

Two days later, on February 2, the crew of the British fishing trawler *King Stephen* came across the crashed remains of one of the giant airships floating in the North Sea.

The nine unarmed men aboard the *King Stephen* realised that about 20 German airmen had survived the crash. Fearful that these Germans could easily overpower them and take control of the ship, Captain Martin and his crew refused the soldiers' pleas for help and did not take the men aboard, choosing instead to return to Britain to report their discovery to the authorities.

The crew of the L-19, along with their Commander Kapitänleutnant Odo Loewe, disappeared with their craft. Word of the incident soon got out in both Germany and Britain. Some accepted Martin's decision as a necessary one to protect his crew, while others, including some Britons, vilified Martin for what they saw as an unpardonable act of cruelty, even for wartime.

The encounter between the L-19 and the *King Stephen* was illustrated on an anti-British medal, designed by Karl X Goetz (German) who had previously designed the well-known *Lusitania* medal in 1915. Captain William Martin received many death threats and died of heart failure in Grimsby, slightly over a year after encountering the L 19. One of the L-19 medals' is on show at Porthcawl Museum.

Interestingly, following this invasion, the advice to Porthcawlians was thus: "If Zeppelins come, turn down the pressure of lamps, not turn them off. The town siren will be sounded." (Porthcawl News, February 10, 1916).

Sadly, of course, 1916 did not see the end of the war. In fact, on February 10, the German Army initiated an offensive at Verdun that was to last throughout the year. Such would be the impact on the French Army that French divisions selected to join the British for a 'Somme Offensive,' planned for July, were greatly reduced in number.

Many thousands of men were to die during 1916, yet not all soldiers met their death on the battlefield.

Lance Corporal Edward Dunster was one of five children, born early 1896, in Cefn Cribbwr, to Frank and Sarah Dunster. Both his parents were originally from Somerset, which would prove to be a significant fact at the end of his life.

Edward's parents were part of the migration from Somerset agricultural life to the mines in south Wales. His father worked in Cefn Colliery as a hewer, whereupon Edward joined him on leaving Tondu Board School in 1909.

In the 1911 Census, Edward, his father and siblings were living in 133 Bridgend Road, Aberkenfig. Sadly, his mother had died the month before in Langport, Somerset, where her aunt lived.

On November 12, 1913, incorrectly giving his age as 18, Edward enlisted in the 3rd Welsh Regiment, Special Reserve. There was a recruiting drive at the time, in response to a perceived need for trained reservists, who could be called up in the event of war and could be sent overseas.

After four months of drill training he returned home in March 1914. From May 1 to June 27, 1914, he completed a recruit's course in 'musketry' and a special course of training in readiness for mobilisation, should it come. On November 30, 1914, Edward was transferred to the 2nd Welsh Battalion and posted to France. Unfortunately, on March 20, 1915, he was sent home suffering from chest problems.

The outcome of his medical examination in Cardiff on April 22, 1915, stated that he had been taken ill in December 1914 with pains across his chest.

He spent three weeks in a field hospital but showing no signs of recovery was sent home on an ambulance ship to Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he remained for six weeks. He was reported to be emaciated and suffering from a chronic cough.

His official cause of death was TB due to 'exposure on active service.' Yet, it was added that it was a latent condition made worse by active service. On enlistment, Edward was 5'10" tall and 9 stone. This lack of stature plus working in a coalmine prior to being posted abroad, may have initiated his health problems.

Edward was medically discharged as permanently unfit and in July was awarded a pension of 30/- a week for 12 months. He did not have long to live.

At the time of his official discharge from the army, May 18, 1915, his father and brothers were living at 2, Florence Street, Nottage, Porthcawl. Edward died on February 23, 1916, and was interred in Langport, Somerset. It may be possible that the same aunt who cared for his mother, also, cared for him.

His father, Frank, was still living at the same address in Nottage, when he died in December 1940, at Port Talbot General Hospital.

Sapper William Lee, Royal Engineers, of Bryncole, Mackworth Road, died at home on February 16, aged 21 years old, from an illness contracted during military training, whilst stationed at Llandudno.

William's father, Joseph Lee, was the manager of Ward's Shipbreaking Yard, Briton Ferry, and had brought the family to Wales from Preston.

Both R Hayes and Maden and MacKee were to open a ship breakers yard, at Porthcawl Dock, later in the war. Possibly, this is what brought Joseph to Porthcawl. William is buried in St John's Churchyard, Newton. He left a wife and child.

The name written, after William's in the burial register of St John's Churchyard, is Albert Moore (45), one of three men who tragically lost their lives on February 16.

About five o'clock in the afternoon, a terrific storm hit the coast off Porthcawl. In sight of hundreds of spectators, the *Narcissus*, a small fishing smack, was seen in distress just off the breakwater. The boat dropped anchor, but immediately began to drag, and drifted down towards Trecco Bay, a couple of miles up the coast.

There, the crew of four succeeded in launching a small boat, which on making for the beach, capsized. Only one man managed to reach the shore, Horace Moore, aged 18. The skipper Arthur Culby, aged 38, the mate Albert Moore, aged 45, and deck hand, Robert Greenwood, aged 24, perished.

Horace was taken to the Victoria Hotel at Porthcawl, and there put to bed, attended by Dr Hartland.

Finally, it was estimated that by February 14, 1916, Porthcawl had received over 10,000 soldiers since the start of the war and Mrs Catherine Marshall, Fire House, Newton, had '19 grandsons with the colours!' (Porthcawl News, February 10, 1916).

CERI JOSEPH

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'Breast Cancer Now' campaigner briefs AM

Jane Hutt AM with Pam Allinson and Paul Head

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has met with Breast Cancer Now campaigner Pam Allinson from Barry and Paul Head from the charity to receive an update and report from Olivia Shorrocks, on behalf of Welsh Government Cancer Services.

The AM said: "Breast Cancer Now has campaigned for an improved system for all referrals for patients where breast cancer is suspected. This has led to an important pilot for a single cancer treatment pathway for all cancers in Wales."

She explained she had convened the meeting at which the progress of the pilot was shared. An interim report on the pilot will shortly be published and shared with Assembly Members and Breast Cancer Now.

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Marie Curie's Daffodil appeal

I AM appealing to GEM readers to volunteer for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil appeal in February and March – and help people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones in this area.

We're asking people to 'Get behind the Daffodil' by giving a couple of hours of their time to volunteer for the appeal. All they need to do is encourage people to give a donation in return for a daffodil pin.

Past volunteers have said it's a fun way to do something rewarding and meet others from their community at the same time.

Volunteering for the Great Daffodil Appeal – now in its 30th year – will help Marie Curie nurses provide care and support for local people living with a terminal illness in their own homes, so they can spend more time with the people they love.

If your readers are able to volunteer some time to help, please 01554 759 071, or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

Hannah Leckie, Community Fundraiser, Marie Curie west Wales fundraising office.

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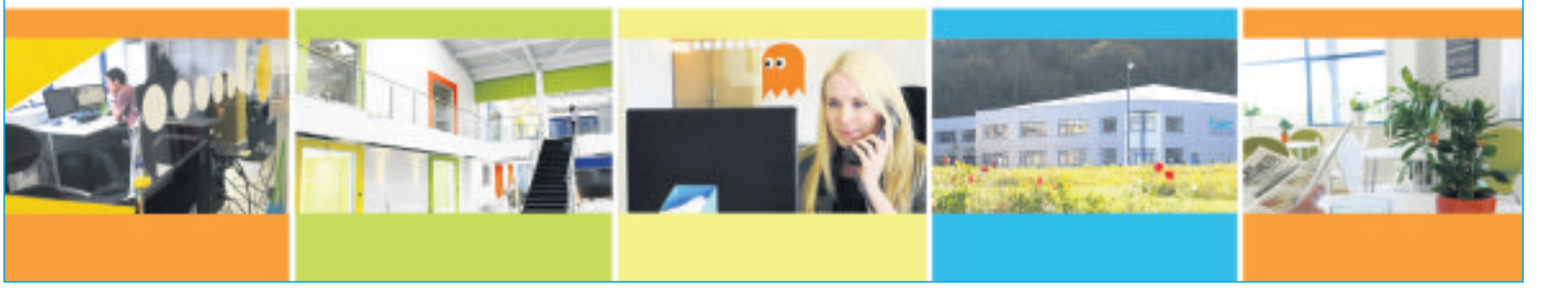


LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

AM's warning on 'silent majority'

Welsh Conservative regional AM for South Wales West, Dr Altaf Hussain, has called on groups from all communities and faiths to "remember the lessons of our recent past", as he attended a service at Llandaff Cathedral to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

A vocal critic of multiculturalism, who has spoken out in favour of integration across communities, he said: "The lessons of the Holocaust, sadly, are all too relevant for us now in 2016.

"Whilst some actively supported or facilitated state policies of persecution, the vast majority stood by silently – at best, afraid to speak out – at worst, indifferent.

"This carries with us an important message for all of us today. When groups and communities are allowed to evolve in parallel, they cease to know each other, and may begicen to mistrust each other and blame one and other for their perceived woes.

"This is true for all sections of society – a message of hate against a particular group defined through creed, colour or religion, can lead all of society down a dangerous road.

"It has never been more vital that we remember the lessons of our recent past," he argued

'A new mobile banking service is secured' says MP

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, stated this week that he had secured agreement with NatWest for a plan to maintain a presence in Llantwit Major, following the closure of the branch in late 2015.

The bank had confirmed that a mobile service will serve a number of areas of the Vale from March 9.

"The mobile bank will spend two hours in Llantwit Major every Wednesday at 9.45am, then moving on to St Athan at 11.45am, before visiting Dinas Powys at 1.30pm to provide access to NatWest bank counter services," he said.

"The mobile banking van will house a fully staffed bank counter and many of the services offered by the branch, and will work in conjunction with Post Office banking services in Filco supermarket in Llantwit. The Dinas Powys branch currently opens on a Monday and Friday with the mobile bank adding additional times every Wednesday.

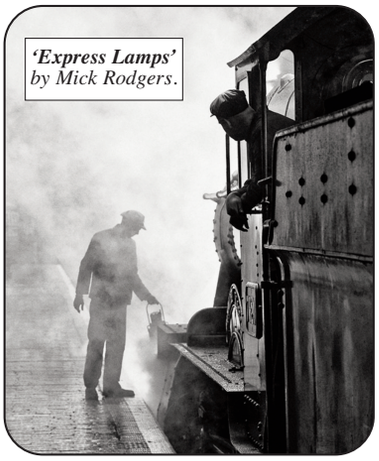
"I am delighted that following my meetings with Coun Tony Bennett and NatWest senior management, that we have secured a new service for customers in Llantwit Major, St Athan and Dinas Powys on a major new route for a mobile banking in south Wales.

"I am pleased that this commitment has now been made, and we can see banking services continue in important areas across the Vale.

"I am very disappointed to see any local bank branch go, but it is important to do what we can to maintain services that can be accessed locally on a regular basis".

Using the dark to cast light on the digital images!

JANUARY traditionally presents the amateur South Wales photographer with many hindrances, but Vale Photographic Club has kept members active at their favourite hobby.



'Express Lamps' by Mick Rodgers.

One of our most experienced members of a few years ago, Phil Ray, started our 2016 programme with a detailed description of his experiences in 2012, when he was invited to be one of three judges charged with selecting images for the annual Welsh Salon of Photography.

This was an 'eye-opener' for many of us and its relevance was not lost by members who are currently preparing for this year's Salon.

The darker evenings of January provide an opportunity for us to look back at our digital photographs taken during the previous year with a view to improving their presentation or manipulating them for creative purposes.

Using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, member Andy Coleman led us through several of the more common procedures that are required in preparing images for our competitions and exhibitions.

But the month couldn't pass without an evening viewing and appreciating the photographic work of members.

This month we held our annual Mervyn Williams Memorial black and white print competition. The subject was 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'.

Les Loosemore provided excellent critiques of the 51 images entered, deciding on 'Express Lamps' by one of our newest members, Mick Rodgers, as best of the evening.

For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over, visit our website at http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening. We meet every Friday, from September to July at 7.15pm in the Ystradowen village hall.

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'END THIS TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE ON BARRY'S STREETS'

WITH the cancellation of the one-way street system in the Trinity Street area of Barry, may I suggest that the Vale Council makes use of redundant one way/no entry signage in an area of the town where there is a desperate need of a traffic control system?

The streets to the south of Holton Road in the Station Street and St Mary's Avenue area have now become a nightmare for the residents, who are fed up with damage to their vehicles caused by other vehicles trying to reverse almost the length of their streets, in order to allow oncoming traffic through.

This manoeuvering exercise can become difficult to some drivers, especially during the night time because of the reduction of the street lighting.

The one-way street systems in Park Crescent and north side of Holton Road have proved to be a success for many years, and also the resident parking zones, which are in abundance in these areas, could be adopted for the troublesome area aforementioned.

Also, would it not be too much trouble to open up two streets in this area to allow a smoother flow of traffic into and out of Holton Road?

If there any signs left over, I am sure that the residents of Hannah Street would appreciate them.

Ray Lewis,
Barry.

Health budget cut

I WAS surprised to read in last week's GEM that our Assembly Member, Ms Jane Hutt, has complained about 'unacceptable delays' to ambulance response times.

On this, I find myself in complete agreement with our AM – these delays are indeed unacceptable; but I also note that as the Welsh Government's Finance Minister, she is responsible for the budget, and has cut health spending in Wales.

Mr P L Woodford,
Barry.

'Charity image important'

I FEEL obliged to comment on the letter published in your January 28 edition, which criticises charity shops in general and the new Cancer Research shop in particular.

In relation to the rent, refurbishment and management of premises, it would seem reasonable to assume that a national charity with over 500 shops, is well aware of the costs entailed in setting up a new store and does so as economically as possible within a given location – while being confident, with the aid of mainly volunteer staff, of making a profit in due course.

One hopes that the complainants are all volunteer managers in the shops of their chosen charities in order to minimise running costs; and that whilst doing so they are happy to work in scruffy and substandard conditions, in order to save some more funds on refurbishment.

The point that such a shop may well look unattractive to customers when compared to other shops competing for business would appear not to matter.

Eventually, market forces will determine whether there is sufficient business to maintain a buoyant High Street composed of profitable private, national or charity shops – or you have numerous derelict premises – an option which makes any number of charity shops an attractive alternative.

I would add that my only connection with charity shops, other than as a customer, is having a wife who has volunteered as an assistant in one (not, dare I say, in Cowbridge) on a regular basis for about two years, who, I am assured, appreciates volunteering in a pleasant environment.

L D Bryant, Pencoed.

Classic lyrics come to mind!

READERS of a certain age will remember the late, great, Edwin Starr and his classic – "*War, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing*."

These lyrics came to mind this week as the Welsh Government rightly faced criticism for paying £25 million over the odds for Cardiff airport.

If that were not enough, we finally discovered the truth about WAG land sales and the tens of millions of pounds lost in that transaction. So startling were the losses that First Minister Carwyn Jones was forced to make an apology.

The finance minister, Jane Hutt AM, complains about loss-making bank branches being closed, but said little about the closure of public services, such as libraries. Perhaps if she had kept her eye on 'her ball' then there would have been considerably more in the public purse to protect our public services!

To no one's surprise, we also learnt that the waiting times for the 10 most common surgical procedures were up to twice as long in Wales as in England. This despite the fact that the WAG continue to send Welsh patients to England for general surgery in an effort to reduce waiting lists!

In fairness, you have to wonder what the Assembly opposition parties are doing – they are certainly not holding the WAG to account.

John A Turner,
Rhoose.

Rhoose comments were a 'disgrace'

COMMENTS in last week's newspaper from Minister for Communities Lesley Griffiths, AM, calling a report into the Welsh Government's sale of land in Rhoose for £7.5 million less than its value as the 'final chapter' in the investigations, are an absolute disgrace.

At a time when we're told we can't afford waste, this sort of complacency really angers people. It's as if they don't care, as long as they protect their own cushy number.

It would also be interesting to hear our AM's views on the matter. Will she follow the lead of her colleague Ms Griffiths, or stand up for the Vale?

Corrie Driscoll (aged 18),
Dinas Powys.

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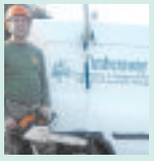

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A VALENTINE'S Extravaganza of fine dining and entertainment to raise funds for George Thomas Hospice Care, will be held on February 14 from 6pm at BT Sport Cardiff Arms Park, Westgate Street, Cardiff.

It is being organised by Cowbridge resident Sian Gunney, in memory of her late father.

It opens with harpist Glenda Clwyd and Annelies Kruidenier (from BBC 1's *The Voice* 2015) and magicians as guests are taken to their tables.

Mariclare Carey-Jones, TV presenter from *Made in Cardiff* will guide guests through this evening.

All entertainment acts, presenters and musicians have given up their time free of charge to show support for the charity; including Cardiff Blues and Cardiff Arms Park, who have donated a 400-seater VIP marquee for the event.

Sian said: "We are truly blown away by everyone's generosity – it shows how valued George Thomas Hospice Care is in Cardiff and across Wales.

"We have also had many companies and individuals approach us to donate raffle, auction prizes and offer gift bag goods, including many famous local people who are donating signed goods, and also changing plans to attend the event. Including some A-list stars from London and across the UK!"

Tickets £55 or £500 for a table of 10, obtainable at www.gthc.org.uk/events/valentinesextravaganza/ or: George Thomas Hospice Care, Whitchurch Hospital Grounds, Park Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff South Glamorgan CF14 7BF.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Library quiz

LIBRARIES need book-lovers to do everything they can to keep local libraries open, despite ongoing cuts to local council budgets.

The Llantwit Major library will be celebrating National Libraries Month with a return of the popular quiz night, hosted by Sian Evans of BBC Radio Wales this Friday (February 5) between 7pm and 9pm.

Ring 01446 792700 to be sure of a place.

Valeways walks

ON Saturday, February 6 at 2pm, 'Coastal walk and war turrets', starting outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

On Sunday, February 7 at 2pm, 'Awel lach – Sea breezes', starting at the cliff top car park, Penarth.

On Wednesday, February 10 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap Barry.

On Thursday, February 11 at 10.30am, 'Over the common', starting at the car park opposite the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major.

On Saturday, February 13 at 10am, 'The Salmon Leaps', starting at Dinas Powys Common opposite St Andrew's School.

Mayor's music concert

THE Llantwit Major Mayor's music concert to celebrate local youth talent is taking place at St Iltud's Church on Saturday, February 6 starting at 7pm.

A variety of talent featuring soloists, group performances, pianist and a harpist. Tickets (£5) from the Town Hall. All proceeds will go to Mind in the Western Vale and Bridgend Samaritans.

The mayor Tricia Lancaster thanked the Rev Huw Butler for free use of the church.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, February 6 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will hold a coffee/tea and cake morning in the Mayor's Parlour at the town hall on Saturday, February 6 from 10.30am-12 noon.

All welcome; proceeds in aid of charities the Motivation Learning Trust and Prostate Cymru.

Penarth Aviation Society

MOST people when asked about polar exploration will be familiar with the exploits of Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton from a former era, or maybe Sir Ranulph Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes from the current era.

How many would be able to match these land-based explorers with such men as Richard Byrd or Umberto Nobile, who carried out flights in the polar regions?

This Friday (February 5), Penarth Aviation Society member Mike Duxbury will be telling tales of their failures and triumphs – and mysteries that they left behind – in his latest talk entitled 'Polar aviation – a brief history'.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting at Penarth Conservative Club, on Friday, February 5 at 8pm; a donation of £2 per head is requested.

For further information, see www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, or facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk.

Zoar service

ZOAR Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston (near Aubrey Arms) will hold a family service/Holy Communion on Sunday, February 7 at 11am.

The new minister, Rev Lee Dutfield, will take the service and refreshments will be served later.

Everybody welcome, especially young people. Contact secretary on 01446 781309.

Shadows club

ON February 9, at 8pm in Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979), the South Wales Shadows Club meets – play, bring your guitar, or just listen. ***All are welcome.***

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'The History of Cardiff Hospital', by Keith Moger, at 2pm on Wednesday, February 10 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

Choir recruits

ALLEGRO Penarth Voices in Harmony are looking for new altos and top sopranos who love songs from the shows.

They meet on Thursdays at Bethel Chapel, Plassey Street, Penarth, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

Contact the choir's Facebook page: Allegro - Penarth Voices in Harmony.

Dinas Powys exhibition

Dinas Powys History Society exhibition.

DINAS POWYS History Society will be holding an exhibition of Dinas Powys over the last century with photographic displays, literature and mementoes.

It will be held on February 9 at the Kynance Hall, Methodist Church, Station Road, Dinas Powys, from 7.30pm. Free admission; all welcome.

Help to plant 10,000 snowdrops at Dyffryn

DYFFRYN GARDENS will be hosting a big community 'plant' this spring – to fundraise for the restoration of its fountain pool.

Between February 29 and March 11 in the Vale, the public will be invited to plant snowdrops to help create a snowdrop walk.

A spokesperson said: "The planting will take place over two weeks and visitors can drop in any week day between 10am and 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm to plant a snowdrop. They will be invited to make a small donation of as much or little as they like to help us restore the fountain pool at the end of the great lawn and they can come back year on year to see their snowdrops in bloom.

"Over the next three years this will be repeated, so by 2018, 30,000 snowdrops will have been added to the gardens and arboretum. The walk will also feature rarer and more interesting yellow, dwarf and giant snowdrops in coming years."

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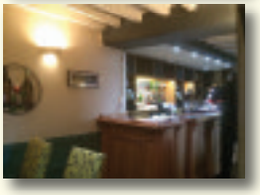

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Spotlight shines bright as harrowing real-life tale reaches big screen...

by
GARETH JAMIESON
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IT seems inconceivable, but writer/director Tom McCarthy has managed to reach the highs and lows within the space of a year. While his Adam Sandler-starring *The Cobbler* was, well, absolute cobblers, he has redeemed himself with true-life story *Spotlight*, the film picking up six Academy Award nominations in the process (including best picture and best director).

It stars Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo and Brian d'Arcy James as journalists working for the Boston Globe newspaper as part of the 'Spotlight' team.

When new editor Marty Baron (Liev Schreiber) comes in, the team begin to investigate allegations of child molestation within the Catholic church in the area – and are shocked to uncover the details of what happened...

True-life stories in cinema are more frequent an occurrence than fictional works these days (half of the best picture nominees this year are for stories based in reality), so the arrival of *Spotlight* could be construed as another attempt to artistically cash in on what was, and indeed is, a hot subject matter.

What it is, however, is far more than that, a film that takes such an incredible story and delivers a grit and substance that makes it a hugely engrossing, harrowing story exceptionally told.

You can tell just by looking at the cast that this is going to be a well-acted piece of work, and there isn't a weak link amongst them. It's a true ensemble in the sense that not one character really stands out ahead of others, but that isn't to say that these are underdeveloped by any stretch.

Each has their moment to shine, whether it's a grandstanding moment of clarity (Keaton) or a subtle show of how actions of the accused clergy can be traced back to your own doorstep (d'Arcy James).

For Michael Keaton, his renaissance continues, the actor delivering a strong turn, while Liev Schreiber is a powerful figure, albeit one in in the background of events to a degree.

Rachel McAdams is her usual, impressive self in a nicely-tuned turn, while both d'Arcy James and John Slattery offer substance to proceedings.

In an ensemble of great turns it's the always-watchable Mark Ruffalo who perhaps shines the brightest, not through being pushed to the forefront but simply by embodying a character whose righteous anger at events fuels his desire to make wrongs right, even if it can only be in print.

If there's a guiding moral compass in this story it's in Ruffalo's Mike Rezendes, who pushes the limits even when faced with pressures both internal and external.

Tom McCarthy's direction is muted but strongly executed – this is an actor's film, where the performances do much of the heavy lifting, but that isn't to damn him with faint praise as the drama of talking heads discussing events of incredible weight and implication is given drive by McCarthy, with lots of 'walk-and-talks' conveying the fast-paced working environment and the urgency of what the journalists are embarking on.

McCarthy co-wrote the screenplay with Josh Singer, and between them they have crafted an engrossing take on a story that is shocking and heart-wrenching.

While it is played for fact over melodrama, the pair never lose sight over what is essential at the core of the story and pull few punches in the course of the film (with the postscript prior to the end credits a sadly unsurprising sting in the tail, highlighting that, in the words of one journalist, this is merely the end of the beginning).

The mark of a truly great film is how it manages to linger long past the credits and get under your skin, and *Spotlight* certainly manages that.

In its telling of a story of a crusading press going toe-to-toe with a religious institution, it manages to fuse into what will easily be one of the stand-out films of the year.

VERDICT – A compelling true-life tale exceptionally told, *Spotlight* has substance and gravitas in spades, yet digs to tell a story that is hard to believe is true. A superb ensemble cast impress, shepherded by Tom McCarthy's direction, and make a powerful and lingering piece of work.

Essential viewing.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Doubt* (2008), *All The President's Men* (1976)

'Scrap the ambulance response system' – CALL

A WELSH Conservative Regional AM has called for the new system of response time targets for ambulances in Wales to be scrapped.

Last week in the Senydd, Deputy Health Minister Vaughan Gething accused Dr Altaf Hussain of 'doing himself a disservice' over his criticism of delays in response times.

Calls for an ambulance are given a red, amber or green categorisation, with red calls considered life-threatening.

"Moving away from the original 'Category A' calls, the Welsh Government retained its target to see 65 per cent of red calls receive a response within eight minutes," Dr Hussain said.

"We should all be deeply concerned that with target response times met only once over three years, the Welsh Government's answer was to move the goalposts and change the system of targets. They could not meet their own targets, so they changed the rules.

"The target in England is for 75 per cent of the most urgent calls to arrive within eight minutes, and I quite frankly reject the idea that Wales should settle for any less.

"We also know that 12,333 hours were lost across the ABMU health board area by the ambulance service in the three months leading up to October last year, because of delayed patient transfers in A&E. This means that ambulances were parked up outside hospitals when they could have been deployed on emergencies.

"Latest comments from ambulance staff paint a disturbing picture. The new system of response time targets should be scrapped – or at least published alongside the previous format so we can draw meaningful comparisons and gauge how the service is really performing," Mr Hussain insisted.

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A TASTE OF SCOTLAND WITH PORTHCAWL LIONS

Rhys Lewis (Porthcawl Lions president) and wife Sue, Aileen Woyka (organiser) and partner Ian Nisbet, Jim Marshall and wife Pauline. (Photographs by John Cosson).

The Scottish dancers were very enthusiastic.

PORTHCAWL Lions organised a Burns Night Supper at the Hi-Tide.

Guests were greeted by a piper and enjoyed a traditional celebratory Scottish menu, including cock-a-leekie soup, haggis, and cranachan with raspberries, before the entertainment began.

After the toasts and responses there was an interesting talk on 'the Man himself' followed by the singing of some Scottish songs and Scottish dancing.

It was a very successful evening, much enjoyed by everyone there and raised £155 for Porthcawl Museum, who ran the raffle, £100 for Action for Children as well as £130 for Lions charities.

JOHN COSSON

Cancer Research UK exhibition will run until February 12

A charity art exhibition is currently being held at Topstak to raise funds for research into cancer.

It is a 'Wales United' event under the umbrella of Cancer Research UK – which means that funds raised in Wales are invested here.

The paintings are by retired local NHS dentist Roger Morgan and the exhibition will go on until February 12. Exhibits are for sale with the full amount going to Cancer Resarch UK.

A launch event took place yesterday, Wednesday, February 3.

People can browse the exhibition during Topstak's opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5.15pm; Saturday 10am to 4pm.

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Wenvoe man lines up 'Razor' Ruddock for boxing club fundraiser

Members of Caerau Boxing Club hope to get new equipment thanks to a fundraiser which has Neil Ruddock as the star guest.

by GEM REPORTER

A man from Wenvoe is organising a fundraiser for Caerau Boxing Club with former Liverpool footballer Neil 'Razor' Ruddock as the star attraction.

Russell Godfrey said: "The club needs new equipment and things like sparring gloves.

"I saw Neil at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross. He was at the bar having a cider and I asked him whether he would do a fundraiser and he agreed.

"He will do a stand up talk, with lots of football stories, and follow up with a Q and A session.

"The event is on Saturday, February 20, at the Copthorne Hotel, at 7.30pm."

Ruddock was once voted 'the 17th hardest footballer of all time' and in his 17 year career played for a host of top clubs including Millwall, Tottenham, Liverpool and Crystal Palace.

Tickets, including a two-course meal, are £45; a table of 10, for businesses or local organisations, is £400.

If people are interested they can contact Russell on 07724 827 496; or by email:*info@russellgodfrey.co.uk*.

If parents are interested in their children attending the boxing club, email Mark at: *mark_atkins@hotmail.co.uk*.

Raising money for charity at a bingo night in Aberdare.

Sporty sisters are aiming for success in pageant competition

TWO local girls – sisters from Miskin – are off this weekend to compete in an international pageant competition, and success could lead to a grand final in Florida.

However, Nicola and Anna Robinson do not conform to the old beauty pageant stereotype. They are too active and busy to stay at home painting their nails.

In the lead-up to the finals, the sporty sisters have set themselves a number of charity challenges, including runs, walks, swimming, and skiing.

Nicola told The GEM: "As former national swim, and dance champions, we're using our active lifestyles to promote the message of helping others."

The Galaxy pageant finals take place over the coming weekend (February 4–7) in Lancashire.

Anna is competing for the Miss Teen Wales Galaxy title, and Nicola is competing for Miss Wales Galaxy.

If either is successful, the Galaxy international grand final will be held in Florida in the summer.

Nicola said: "Our most recent event was hosting a tea party to raise money for Y Bont, where we raised £120.

"We are making final touches in preparation ahead of the finals night.

"We are so grateful to everyone for their support and donations, we're looking forward to planning our next event!"

Nicola and Anna on top of Pen y Fan.

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Young Layla (and dad) entertain Stroke Club

Layla Millar with her dad performed at the Porthcawl Stroke Club recently.

TALENTED young musician Layla Millar and her dad entertained the Porthcawl Stroke Club recently.

Layla is a pupil at Porthcawl Comprehensive who sings with a voice of an angel, and plays keyboard and clarinet as well.

Her father, who accompanies her also plays the guitar and sings and her mother is often seen in drama productions (as were her grandparents).

The Porthcawl Stroke Club and the Princess of Wales Masonic Lodge Home invited Layla and her dad to entertain residents of the home and Stroke Club members.

We wish this young lady every success in her future endeavours, as we are sure she will go far. Thank you Layla and Dad for lifting our spirits and making us go home in cheerful mood!

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Darren Farm and migrants' challenge...

WELL, I for one am appalled at the size of the Darren Farm development. It is as big as the west end of the town and concerns about traffic, parking, drainage etc are too well rehearsed to mention again.

Suggestions that people will walk or cycle into town are risible - the far end is as far from the Town Hall as is Aberthin, and has a sharp hill. As for housing local people, is some sort of allocation proposed? What happens later when they want to sell on?

Meanwhile, there is still no explanation from our benighted councillors of why they think it preferable to destroy productive agricultural land rather than use the partly derelict space on the airfield.

Llandow is near all services, including the railway. It could take a garden town like Rhiwbina; and Darren has been on the cards for years. Why the indecent haste now, ignoring the LDP inspector?

Having been lumbered in this way, it would be a nice gesture if the town were provided with a swimming pool out of the proceeds of the sale of the land, as some sort of atonement.

We should remember Darren Farm in the EU referendum. Staying in will mean that we are still unable to control EU immigration. Next up for membership is Bosnia, with a population of four million and a high unemployment rate; then Frau Merkel wants to fast track Turkey's application, another poor country with a population of some 77 million.

And there are the million arrivals in Germany when they get EU passports. Will they all stay where they are?

What if Mr Cameron's 'emergency brake' is ineffective, even assuming the EU allows us to use it? Darren Farm may look like a vicarage tea party.

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

Y this spelling?

NOT being a Welsh speaker (unfortunately!) I wonder how many Welsh speakers have noticed that with the welcome rejuvenation of the old Barry Railway hydraulic pumphouse at the Waterfront, and the costly exercise of providing back-lit lettering and skilfully attaching it to the tapered square chimney, the Welsh version of Pumphouse, omits the essential circumflex over the letter Y?

Am I correct in stating that this then translates as a possible mutated form of the Welsh dy, meaning thy and so 'thy pump', giving it an ecclesiastical image?

How much more would it have cost to correctly exhibit the correct Welsh translation for house, ie, tŷ?

It is appreciated that the letter Y with a circumflex appears to be one of the few that is not readily typed on a PC keyboard and if needed, has to be copied and pasted into a computer-generated document and presents difficulty in Web addresses.

Hence titles such as Tŷ Hafan etc, have to have special treatment if the circumflex has to be highlighted, and like certain other companies, their web address omits it.

The chimney looks wonderful during darkness but in daylight, surely the lettering would have best been shown in white against the darker brickwork of the chimney, as currently it does not stand out well during daylight.

B P Mills,

(associated with Barry Tourist Railway and Docks history), Barry.

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SIX NATIONS RUGBY

2016 FIXTURES

World's oldest rugby tournament kicks off

Six of the best...but who will go on to lift the prestigious trophy?

AS the squads line up for the opening weekend of the Six Nations 2016, with Wales providing the first obstacle to Ireland's hopes of claiming a record-breaking third championship title in succession, Don John assesses the first day prospects in the various camps as kick-off time nears for the eagerly-awaited tournament

LEFT: The Six Nations captains line up with the championship trophy that one of them hopes to lift at the end of the 2016 tournament. From left to right: Sam Warburton (Wales); Greig Laidlaw (Scotland); Rory Best (Ireland); Dylan Hartley (England); Guilhem Guirado (France); and Sergio Parisse (Italy).

THE oldest and, arguably, greatest rugby tournament in the world – the Six Nations (*previously, the Five Nations and before that, the Home Nations*) is about to kick off again and lighten the gloom of winter with an early promise of spring days to come.

Once again, there is the familiar nervous anticipation, fed as always, by media hype and intense speculation by the pundits, as prospects for each of the six contestants are pored over and endlessly analysed, while the bookies lay odds on the chances of one team or another claiming the coveted title.

As always, the likely outcome of this 17th Six Nations championship, is difficult to predict. While some notables in the London-based media have expressed doubts, others have heavily tipped England, notwithstanding the men in white's collapse and failure to qualify from their group in last autumn's Rugby World Cup, following the shock defeat to an injury-ravaged Wales side at Twickenham.

Clearly, the hope is that the red rose's fortunes will be quickly restored under former Australia and Japan head coach, Eddie Jones, who has taken over the mantle from the ill-starred Stuart Lancaster.

The Man from Oz has vowed to "get the team back to basics" with a more hardline, physical approach built on traditional English ruggedness up front, epitomised by his new skipper, abrasive hooker Dylan Hartley – whose career has been marred by acts of ill-discipline.

The new regime get their first test on Saturday evening in the battle of Murrayfield, where they face an upwardly mobile Scotland side, under Kiwi head coach Vern Cotter, still buoyant from an impressive World Cup run that was only ended by a controversial refereeing decision, which cost them a quarter final victory against Australia.

Cotter's clan will be determined to continue this resurgence against the 'auld enemy' and a lively Calcutta Cup clash could well spring a surprise!

Before that match, France, the only Six Nations camp with a native-born head coach, the shrewd Guy Noves (*both Ireland and Wales are also coached by New Zealanders*) face the slowly-improving Italians, whose French coach, Jacques Brunel, will be looking to maintain this in Paris against a team desperate to rediscover their Gallic élan after the humiliation of a Six Nations 'wooden spoon' last year.

There should be no shock result there, though.

...Then on Sunday comes the eagerly-awaited Celtic encounter when Wales open their 2016 campaign against an Ireland side gunning for a record-breaking third championship title in a row – which would be a truly remarkable achievement.

However, the men in green had a disappointing Rugby World Cup and and will also be under extra pressure following retirements and recent injury worries; while Wales fared better at RWC, despite a crippling casualty list which, happily, is now almost a thing of the past.

They will justifiably be confident of success on a ground where they have had some notable results in the past.

Gatland and his fellow Kiwi counterpart, Joe Schmidt, will not have been helped by the latest failure of the inconsistent Welsh regions (and, strangely, the Irish provinces) to make their mark in European competition.

How well the negative effects, if any, on the players have been defused and managed in the respective camps may well be a deciding factor – and an interesting side issue – given that both national coaches are contenders to lead the next British and Irish Lions' tour to New Zealand.

So *the stage is set for the 2016 Six Nations....let battle commence!*

(SEE BACK PAGE)

WALES UNDER 20 BLOOD EIGHT NEW CAPS

Wales Under 20 line up against Ireland at Donnybrook on Friday at 7.35pm with eight new caps and a declared intention to play a "fast and attacking style of rugby."

WALES UNDER 20:

Rhun Williams (RGC); Elis-Wyn Benham (Cardiff Blues), Harri Millard (Cardiff Blues), Owen Watkin (Ospreys), Keelan Giles (Ospreys); Dan Jones (Scarlets), Declan Smith (Scarlets); Corey Domachowski (Cardiff Blues), Dafydd Hughes (Scarlets), Dillon Lewis (Cardiff Blues), Shane Lewis-Hughes (Cardiff Blues), Adam Beard (Ospreys), Tom Phillips (captain, Scarlets), Shaun Evans (Scarlets), Harrison Keddie (Newport Gwent Dragons)

Replacements: Ifan Phillips (Scarlets), Robert Lewis (Cardiff Blues), Leon Brown (Newport Gwent Dragons), Bryce Morgan (Newport Gwent Dragons), Morgan Sieniawski (Cardiff Blues), Reuben Morgan-Williams (Ospreys), Jarrod Evans (Cardiff Blues), Joe Thomas (Ospreys)

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Sunday, February 7
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Saturday, February 13
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Sunday, February 14
Italy - England 14:00
Friday, February 26
Wales - France 20:05
Saturday, February 27
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Charity shop appeals for donations

ABOVE: The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Fred Johnson, is pictured hosting a recent coffee morning to raise funds for SVP, with shop manager Liz Walsh, Mike Stafford, SVP volunteers from the St Helen's Roman Catholic church, and Canon Patrick O'Gorman.

ONE of the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's charities, the St Vincent de Paul Society, helps people in poverty.

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Loan help

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Contact 01446 732385 for further information or just come along.

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale will also run a free legal advice session on Tuesday, February 16 from 10am-12 noon at the Barry Senior Health Shop. No appointment needed; call 01446 732385.

Clairvoyant evening

CHRISTOPHER HEATH, international medium and clairvoyant, will host a clairvoyant evening at Kenfig Hill RFC on Saturday, February 27, to raise funds for KPC Youth.

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THE TY HAFAN LOTTERY DRAW WINNERS

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D916.

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THE NEW EATING PLACE KEEPS IT IN THE FAMILY

THE Eating Place on Cowbridge is a familiar stopping-off point for anyone looking for good, home-made food, and the new family in charge are looking to build on this.

Mr Wayne Marsh is the new owner, but the public face of the business will be his sister, Jackie, and her daughter, Emma.

Wayne told the GEM that all food used will be either bought in Cowbridge town centre, or from local farmers.

He said: "We want people to 'buy local' from the Eating Place, and we will be buying local, too."

Many of the familiar food offerings will be retained as the family take over, but some changes are also planned.

Wayne said: "We want to have a wider range of hot food options, and so we will be offering a chicken curry and a chilli con carne – both homemade – and a range of toppings for baked potatoes."

The business will continue to cater for children's parties and business meetings, and is also planning to introduce a local delivery service.

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Valeways remembers writer Saunders Lewis

AS part of its winter walks programme, the walking charity Valeways devised a walk to commemorate the life of one of Penarth's most influential adopted sons.

Welsh writer, author, visionary and one of the founders of Plaid Cymru, Saunders Lewis lived on Westbourne Road, Penarth, for more than 30 years until his death in 1985.

Walkers visited the house, easily identifiable by the recently erected blue commemorative plaque, before visiting another significant building in Bedwas Place. The walk culminated with a poignant visit to his final resting place in Penarth Cemetery.

A spokesman for Valeways said how pleased they were with the turnout for the walk: "The walk was very well attended and was an excellent opportunity to increase our awareness of the contribution made by Saunders Lewis and also to appreciate the role Penarth has played over the years in the development of our national identity."

COLLEGE APPOINTS TWO LEADING SPORTS COACHES

RIGHT: The head of tourism, sport, hospitality and public services, James Young; football academy director Jamie Sherwood; rugby hub officer Gareth Wyatt; and rugby director Martyn Fowler.

CARDIFF and Vale College has appointed two new sports specialists to boost its high-achieving football and rugby academies.

Jamie Sherwood joins CAVC from the Welsh Football Trust and will take charge of the college's football academy as head of football.

Bringing with him a wealth of experience in the game, Jamie has been involved in professional football since the age of 14, playing for clubs such as Everton FC and Torquay United FC.

At the age of 18, he began his coaching career and has worked as Newport Men's manager and led the Welsh University squad at the 2002 British University Games in Edinburgh. He developed a women's football programme at Cardiff City FC and has worked to develop the women's game in both the US and UK. More recently, Jamie was first team manager at Yeovil Town LFC.

Jamie said: "CAVC Sport has recently moved to its new home at the Cardiff international sports campus, providing our players with an inspirational facility to train and play at, and offering a hub for them to access a programme of additional support services such as strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and nutritional advice.

"I've been lucky enough to have a career that has focused on developing both men's and ladies football and I'm excited about adding a ladies programme to the academy over the coming months to further strengthen the CAVC Football Academy."

Meanwhile, former Welsh international Gareth Wyatt has become rugby hub officer, tasked with further developing the college's rugby academy.

Formerly of Pontypridd, Celtic Warriors, Newport-Gwent Dragons and Barbarians, his international honours include Wales A and full international caps at under-21. He also saw two World Cups with the Wales Sevens team.

Coaching Pontypridd in the Principality Premiership, Gareth has experienced four league titles and three Cup titles.

"I am looking forward to the challenge ahead," Gareth said.

"With the college rugby academy going from strength to strength under its director Martyn Fowler, I am looking forward to working with the current staff and helping to grow the game within the college and developing links with clubs and feeder schools.

"With the quality of facilities and resources available to the students I see no reason why the college can't become the leading sporting college in the country and I look forward to playing a part in its development."

Join the Welsh 1000 walk for Alzheimer's Society

THE Walker family from Surrey and a big team of volunteers are creating a walk with a difference this April.

TheWelsh 1000 walk consists of 72 separate walks, along the coast and border of Wales, that can be done in one day. It will take place on Saturday, April 16 and will raise vital funds for Alzheimer's Society.

The family chose to stage the event in Wales, having spent lots of time in Wales and through their love for the Welsh countryside. Having recruited walk leaders, they're now on the search for the 1,000 people to sign up and join in with one of the walks.

Ian Walker, one of the volunteer organisers, explained: "Alzheimer's is a cause close to many of those on the team. This is a huge volunteer effort and there are lots of personal stories and motivations for people getting involved and giving their time free.

"Our personal story begins with our father, Laurie Walker, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and vascular dementia a number of years ago.

"My family saw at first-hand the devastating impact that this disease can have on the person diagnosed, as well as their family and friends.

"The research Alzheimer's Society funds and the support services they provide are crucial; a timely diagnosis, specialist care for all and, of course, the search for a cure is a great motivator for those involved in theWelsh1000walk."

Laurie's children, Ian (44), Barry (46), Susan (42) and Martin (47) are all involved with organising the event.

Jeremy Hughes, chief executive officer for Alzheimer's Society said: "I am delighted theWelsh1000walk has chosen to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society. This ambitious fundraiser is run entirely by volunteers and we would love to see hundreds of people sign-up and walk a stretch of the beautiful Welsh coastal path, to help support the 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK."

How can people sign-up for a walk? Visit *thewelsh1000walk.com* and click on the 'walks' page, here you will find a full list of walks, their locations and all are graded by length and difficulty.

Every single penny raised, either through people signing up to a walk, raising sponsorship or donating directly will go to Alzheimer's Society.

To donate directly please visit justgiving.com/thewelsh1000

Follow the group on twitter @theWelsh1000

Free flu vaccine available for certain groups

AS flu continues to circulate in Wales, health experts and charities are urging people with chronic kidney disease to get protected against flu as soon as possible.

People who suffer from chronic kidney disease are at a higher risk of becoming very ill with flu than the general population. That's why it's so important that they have the free NHS vaccine.

Most recent figures show that only around half the people in this clinical risk group have received the vaccine since October 2015, well below the Welsh Government's 75 per cent uptake target.

It means that although almost 8,000 people with kidney conditions have received the vaccine, many people in this group have missed out and have not protected themselves against flu with a vaccine yet this winter.

"Kidney Wales supports the NHS flu vaccine and believes that patients should protect themselves as soon as they can," said Roy Thomas, CEO of Kidney Wales Foundation.

"We know that patients with long term kidney conditions are more vulnerable to infections and with flu cases currently increasing across Wales, it's really important to take advantage of the free vaccine by making an appointment with your GP now. It's not too late to get protected this winter."

The NHS flu vaccine is available free to people who have chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5, chronic kidney failure, nephrotic syndrome or kidney transplantation.

It is also available for people with other long term health conditions where there is an increased risk of complications if they catch flu including respiratory illnesses, heart and liver disease, diabetes and certain neurological conditions such as stroke or mini stroke (TIA).

College hosts tour of aerospace centre

THE Deputy Minister for skills and technology, Julie James AM, and Jane Hutt AM are pictured (above) at Cardiff and Vale College's international centre for aerospace technology (ICAT) where the head of aerospace, Ian Cowell, gave them a guided tour of the facility.

They met six students; cabin crew learners, two studying for an aircraft engineering degree and two students from the UAE.

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Bottleneck

THE so-called do-gooders at the Vale Council have really outshone themselves this time; first, they spend millions on cycle paths (that nobody uses) and then they come up with the Port Road metro improvements.

One of the biggest bottlenecks on our roads – and they go and put in a bus lane!

This begs the question, have any of them even travelled along Port Road during peak times?

When will our hard-earned taxes ever get spent on something worthwhile?

Gareth Evans, Rhoose Point.

A chance to win tickets to see Wales

PEOPLE across Bridgend are being invited to join TV personality Sian Lloyd in a challenge that will see them race against the clock to complete scavenger hunt-style tasks – in a bid to win tickets to two RBS Six Nations matches in Cardiff.

Taking place on Saturday, February 13 – the day of the first RBS Six Nations game at the newly-named stadium – Principality Stadium Challenge will see a team from Bridgend pitted against four other regions across Wales for tickets to the France and Italy home matches.

Four lucky people from Bridgend will join the TV personality and staff from the building society and battle teams in each of Principality's branch regions, led by TV presenter Matt Johnson (Cardiff), athlete Jamie Baulch (Abergavenny), singer Wynne Evans (Swansea) and former Wales international rugby player Rupert Moon (Wrexham).

To enter, people are being asked to visit www.principality.co.uk/stadiumchallenge to register their interest.

Mixed results for the Seaview Lads

SEA angling can be unpredictable, but the seasons usually dictate what the Seaview Lads catch.

Not so this year! To date, we have seen mixed catches including traditional summer species such as rays mixed with the traditional cod and whiting, plus eels thrown in for good measure.

Catches vary as well. So far in January, we saw total weights landed vary from over 100lb to just 3 ounces! Well done to Roy Harding for a terrific catch of almost 30lbs, topped with an excellent conger.

The coming month is often a poor one but who knows? On a more serious note, the social calendar is filling up and members are urged to come to the next meeting to secure their place on a myriad of trips.

Results for January 17: First, R Harding, 29lb 8oz conger 17lb 13oz; second, P Crook, 12lb 4oz; third, S Doble, 10lb 2oz s e ray 10lb 2oz; fourth, Langford, 9lb 9oz; fifth, M Kerslake, 9lb 2oz; sixth, T Williams, 8lb 2oz. 18 fished, 100lb 7oz total.

January 24: First, M Langford, 6lb 5oz; second, D Whitcombe, 6lb 0oz; third, G Morgan, 3lb 10oz; fourth, R Harding, 1lb 15oz; fifth, M Kerslake, 1lb 10oz; sixth, R Whitcombe, 1lb 6oz.

January 28: First, R Whitcombe, 3oz.

Excellence in building projects across Vale is recognised at awards ceremony

THE thirteenth Vale Council Building Control Group 'Building Excellence' awards were held at the Vale Resort, Hensol on January 29.

The evening was attended by the Vale Mayor, Coun Frederick Johnson, the Vale Leader Coun Neil Moore, Coun Anne Moore, and Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration.

The night was also attended by Victoria Robinson, operational manager of development management, together with the sponsors of the event, the Vale Resort, The Glamorgan GEM, Nina and Rob of Nina Estate Agents, Jewsons of Barry, ACD Recycling & Skip Hire and Ivorfire.

The Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson, said: "The nominations in every category were of the very highest quality and I congratulate all the winners who will now have the chance to compete against the winners from other councils in south Wales in the 'South Wales Building Excellence' awards 2016, which will be held at the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel and Spa Resort, Hensol on April 29 hosted by, Roy Noble.

"I am also hopeful that some of these schemes will go forward to the 'Building Excellence' award national finals, which will be held in London in October, especially as we were lucky enough to have a national winner in 2013 and finalists in 2014 and 2015.

"The awards have shown the quality of work that is being undertaken throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and we are proud to be rewarding and encouraging quality in the construction industry.

"Our thanks must also go to the sponsors, who have enabled the event to be firmly placed in the annual diary – the Vale Resort Nina Estate Agents, The Glamorgan GEM, ACD Recycling & Skip Hire, Ivorfire and Jewsons."

The evening also raised a massive £721 for two charities Marie Curie and NSPCC.

Highly commended and award winners will go forward to the south Wales event.

Vale 'Building Excellence' award winners for 2016

For 'Best Extension / Alteration Category', PD Emment Building services and Mr and Mrs Van Steen for 169, Plymouth Rd.

For 'Best Change of Use or Conversion', DS Properties for The Pumphouse, Barry.

For 'Best Local Builder / Craftsman', Gwyn G. Jones & Sons Ltd for various work within the Vale of Glamorgan.

For 'Best Individual New Home', Mr Keith Glaister, for Church Farm, Welsh St. Donats.

For 'Best High Volume New Housing Development', Taylor Wimpey for Channel Heights, Rhoose.

For 'Best Social New Housing Development', Pendragon with Tony King Architects for the former Marine Hotel, Barry.

The Vale of Glamorgan Building Excellence Awards 2016 'Best Educational Building' was Oakfield Primary School, Barry, by ISG.

The 'Best Small Comercial Building' winner was Leekes for Hensol Castle Vale Resort.

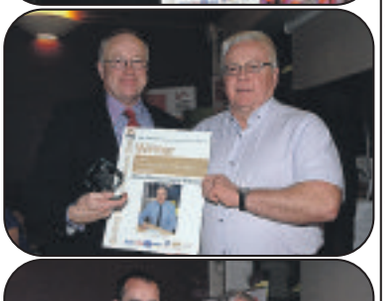
'Best Site Agent - Residential' was Steve Northam, Taylor Wimpey.

'Best Site Agent - Non Residential' was Rob Boyd, ISG.

The council wish all of the above schemes and people 'good luck' in progressing to the National Awards finals.

The Vale Building Excellence awards

Award winners and those highly commended will go forward to the south Wales event hosted at the Vale Resort by Roy Noble in April.



The WNO premières World War One opera

WELSH National Opera is to commemorate World War One and the centenary of the Battle of the Somme with a world première of a new opera commissioned to mark the company's 70th birthday.

In Parenthesis is acclaimed British composer Iain Bell's adaptation of the epic poem by poet, writer and artist David Jones. The work is a remembrance of Jones' personal experience as a soldier at the Battle of Mametz Wood.

Alongside the staging of the opera, WNO embark on an extensive programme of digital, youth and community projects to engage as many people as possible in the themes and music of the opera and its relevance to the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

In Parenthesis is commissioned by the Nicholas John Trust with 14-18 NOW, the UK's official arts programme for the First World War centenary.

It provides a unique narrative of war, rich in expressive musical quality; it depicts a deeply moving account of the fighting and heavy losses sustained by the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Private John Ball and his comrades are posted to the Somme to fight at the Battle of Mametz Wood, where they enter a strange realm – outside of time, dream-like but deadly.

The opera is directed by David Pountney and conducted by Carlo Rizzi, WNO Conductor Laureate.

Following its world première at Wales Millennium Centre on May 13, at 7.15pm, and further performances in Cardiff (May 21 and June 3), the work will tour to Birmingham and to London, as part of WNO's annual residency at the Royal Opera House. A special performance at the Royal Opera House on Friday, July 1, 7.30pm, will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of the Somme.

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT at the Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road, Barry, on Thursday, February 4 at 6.30pm.

ST ATHAN police surgery at the Gathering Place, Athan, on Sunday, February 14 between 3pm and 4pm.

COURT PACT at the Witchill Community Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry, on Thursday, February 18 at 6pm.

CADOC at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Thursday, February 18 between 11am and 1pm.

International students descend on Porthcawl

Atlantic College students in their national costumes.

INTERNATIONAL students from Atlantic College at St Donats in the Vale will visit the HiTide on February 29 wearing their national costumes and ready to tell us about their country and their hopes and aspirations for the future.

A Welsh flavour to the evening will be provided by Stephanie Chick playing Welsh airs on the harp and accompanying her father Rob, who will be singing well-known Welsh folk songs.

Tickets are available from Andrew Singer (01656 785628) at £12 each, including a meal. Any surplus on the evening will go to the Green Tara Trust based in Nepal, a charity started by Porthcawl girl Jane Stephens, to support mothers and children in rural areas. The evening will be organised by Porthcawl Rotary Club.

Vale Women's Institute members visit the Palace of Westminster

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE groups from across the Vale are pictured on a visit to the Palace of Westminster last week for a guided tour with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The groups from Rhoose, Colwinston, Pendoylan, Llanmaes, St Nicholas, Wenvoe and Cowbridge joined a day trip from the Vale to tour the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Youth delegation at the Assembly

THE Llantwit Youth Council, Barry Youth Action and the Vale Youth Forum were given VIP treatment at the Senedd last week.

They watched a debate take place and then raised questions themselves with Vale AM Jane Hutt. She told them one of her first tasks was to secure the legislation and funding to appoint a Children's Commissioner for Wales and was delighted to hear recently appointed Professor Sally Holland, was coming to meet the Youth Forum in Barry.

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Wales put up 'sold out' sign

THE sold-out signs are up for all three of Wales' home 2016 RBS 6 Nations matches before an international ball has been kicked at the newly-named Principality Stadium.

The stadium's inaugural fixture sees Wales take on Scotland in the championship second round on Saturday, February 13 (4.50pm) and tickets for that match sold out in October last year.

Now both the mid-tournament match against France, just under a fortnight later (Friday, February 26, 8.05pm), and the final weekend's clash with Italy (Saturday, March 19, 2.30pm) have reached capacity.

It has been eight years since all three travelling sides from Scotland, Italy and France – who visit biennially in the competition (on rotation with Ireland and England) – brought a full set of capacity crowds to Wales' national ground.

The last time all three fixtures sold out was during head coach Warren Gatland's debut, Grand Slam-winning, season of 2008.

The WRU's official ticket resale platform can be accessed online at http://www.seatwave.com/wru

MENTER IAITH BRO MORGANNWG

Share your Welsh
Dysgwyr Penarth yn rhannu eu Cymraeg gyda Dot

FE alwodd y cyflwynydd radio a theledu Dot Davies i mewn i gaffi ym Mhenarth ar ddechrau mis Ionawr fel rhan o ymgyrch BBC Radio Wales 'Share your Welsh' i ysbrydoli, annog a chefnogi dysgu Cymraeg yn 2016.

Buodd hi'n recordio sgwrs gyda rhai o ddysgwyr sy'n mynychu bore coffi Menter Bro Morgannwg ar ddydd Iau cyntaf pob mis.

Dot Davies a Huw Stephens yw wynebau a lleisiau'r ymgyrch ac mae nhw'n ysu i rannu eu Cymraeg gyda dysgwyr o bob safon. Mae'n ymgyrch aml-gyfrwng, gydag eitemau ar raglenni dyddiol fel Jason Mohammad ac Eleri Siôn, tudalen arbennig ar-lein ar wefan Radio Wales, a thrwy'r cyfryngau torfol gydol fis Ionawr.

Mae Radio Wales yn awyddus i glywed storiau dysgwyr ac fe gafodd Ian Roberts, Lorraine Wilson ac Ann Simons y cyfle i gael clonc gyda Dot sydd hefyd yn byw ym Mhenarth.

Meddai Gwenda Richards, sy'n gweithio gyda chwmni Audio Always sy'n cynhyrchu Share your Welsh ar gyfer Radio Wales: "Bwriad yr ymgyrch yw ysbrydoli, annog a chefnogi dysgwyr Cymraeg drwy rannu geiriau syml ac ymadroddion bob dydd, darlledu straeon llwyddiant o bob rhan o Gymru a rhoi gwybodaeth am ble a sut i gael help a chyngor. Nid ymgyrch i ddysgu Cymraeg yw hwn. Mae 'na amryw o fudiadau sy'n gwneud hynny ond bwriad Share your Welsh yw hyrwyddo'r pethau positif am ddysgu Cymraeg yn y flwyddyn newydd."

Meddai Dot, "Des i mewn i weithio ar yr ymgyrch yn meddwl bo fi'n gwbod popeth am shwt fydde rhywun yn mynd ati i ddysgu Cymraeg. Ond ces i fy synnu cymaint mwy o adnodde a chymorth sydd ar gael. Mae'n gyfnod cyffrous iawn i'r iaith ar hyn o bryd," ychwanegodd.

Bu Dot yn dysgu sut i ddefnyddio apiau a theclynnau cyfieithu ar ei chyfrifiadur yn ystod yr ymgyrch. Roedd Ian Roberts, un o'r dysgwyr yn awyddus i rannu ei wybodaeth am dechnoleg sy'n helpu dysgwyr,ac fe ddangosodd eiriadur ar lein i'r grwp.

Cafodd Ffion Rhisiart o Fenter Iaith Bro Morgannwg hefyd gyfle i siarad gyda Dot i ddweud am weithgareddau'r Fenter lle all dysgwyr gael cyfle i ymarfer eu Cymraeg mewn awyrgylch hwyliog.

Mae casgliad Share your Welsh i'w weld yma: bbc.co.uk/radiowales.

Bob wythnos mae Irfon Jones yn cyflwyno podlediad o uchafbwyntiau'r orsaf o'r enw Pigion bbc.co.uk/radiocymru - ac mae yna eirfa i gydfynd â'r rhaglenni.

Ysbrydoliaeth ac Ysbrydion yr As Fawr

MAE troad y flwyddyn newydd wastad yn cynnig her a hanner, rhwng y nosweithiau maith a'r tywydd garw.

Ac mae rhai yn mynnu troi mis creulonaf y flwyddyn yn uffern pur trwy gydol 'Ionawr Sych'. Wel, tydw i ddim yn tanysgrifio i'r gred mai dyma'r adeg i gosbi eich hun, ond mi ydw i o blaid cyfuno pleser a chadw'n iach.

Yn wir, pa ffordd well i blagio'r bloneg wedi gloddest fawr y Nadolig, nag ymweliad â phentref canoloesol Yr As Fawr? Dyna'n union wnes i tua diwedd mis Ionawr yng nghwmni ffrind sy'n byw yn y Fro, a chawsom b'nawn o giniawa wedi bore braf o fynd am dro.

Perthynai sawl atyniad amlwg i bentre'r As Fawr; yn gyntaf, mae'n ffurfio rhan o Lwybr Arfordir Treftadaeth Morgannwg, sy'n ymestyn am 14 milltir rhwng Aberddawan a Phorthcawl. Ac yn ail, dyma leoliad un o dafarndai hynotaf a gorau Cymru – y Plough and Harrow.

Nid nepell i ffwrdd ceir llwybr gerdded hardd, heibio rhaeadrau hudolus gwarchodfa natur Blaen-Y-Cwm. Wrth gamu tuag at yr arfordir, yna ymlaen at oleudy Nash Point, fe gerddwch chi heibio adfeilion yr hen fferm fynachaidd ganoloesol - sy'n egluro enw Saesneg y pentref, Monk Nash. Mae'r daith gerdded cymharol wastad hon yn 8km (5 milltir) o hyd, sydd yn fy marn i yn cyfiawnhau cinio a pheint, neu ddau, yn y dafarn.

Codwyd y dafarn ei hun ym 1383, fel ffermdy i'r mynachod lleol a berthynai i ystâd Abaty Nedd. Yn dilyn diddymiad y mynachlogydd yn ystod y 16eg Ganrif, gwerthwyd y tir i deulu Stirling Castell Sain Dunwyd; y mae'r enw'n adlewyrchu tir amaethyddol ir yr ardal.

Mae'n enghraifft dda o dafarn llawn cymeriad gyda'i haelwyd a'i thrawstiau hynafol; croesewir cerddwyr a'u cwn, ac ymwelwyr o bell ac agos. Mae'n aml yn cyrraedd y brig ar restrau 'Tafarn Orau Cymru', a hon oedd Tafarn Seidr Orau CAMRA yn 2014. Yn fy marn i, mae'r Plough and Harrow yn sicr yn werth ymweliad.

Wedi bod am dro roedd arnom syched mawr, ond braidd yn ddyfrllyd oedd y cwrw golau HPA Wye Valley. Ond fe'm mhlesiwyd yn arw gan gwrw Celt, Native Storm, llawn blas sitrws ac yn byrlymu o hopys. Â minnau'n ceisio bwyta'n gallach, llowciais bowlenaid o gawl gaeaf cartef, tra'r aeth Esyllt am blatiad o salad, sglodion a selsig Morgannwg, oedd yn andros o flasus, diolch i'r cennin ffres a'r defnydd o gaws llawn hadau mwstard Y Fenni. I orffen ein pryd, fe rannom bwdin bara cartref â hufen tolch, oedd yn fendigedig.

Fe allai hefyd argymell pryd bwyd mwyaf poblogaidd y dafarn – sef y sglodion a 'sgodyn mewn cytew cwrw, a fwynheias yn yr ardd gwrw ddelfrydol ar brynhawn o haf y llynedd. Daw eto haul ar fryn, medden nhw, ond tan hynny, ceir atyniad tipyn amgenach na'r arfer i'r Plough and Harrow, sef ei chymuned o ysbrydion, sy'n creu tipyn o drafferth mewn tafarn.

Yn eu plith y mae dyn mewn clogyn du, bachgen bach â chanddo fop o wallt cyrls, yn ogystal â Beryl Botton, y cyn-berchennog a fu farw yn 1985. Prun ai ydych chi'n coelio ai peidio mewn bwci bos, rhaid fod na elfen o wirionedd i'r hanes, gan mai marwdy'r mynachod oedd y bar yn wreiddiol, felly da chi, byddwch ar eich gwyliadwraeth!

The Plough and Harrow, Yr As Fawr, Bro Morgannwg CF71 7QQ (01656) 890209.

LOWRI HAF COOKE

SÊR EIRY

ARIES:
Tan ddechrau Mis Mawrth mi fydd y pwyslais astrolegol ar dy gartre. Mae'n bosib y bydd yr adeiladwyr yn cnocio dy nyth fach di'n rhacs. Ar ôl Mis Mawrth mi fyddi di'n greadigol iawn - yn adeiladu eto falle! Neu'n creu mewn ryw ffordd ymarferol arall. Mae newyddion am fabi newydd yn bosib (Wps!).

TAURUS:
Mae hi'n bryd talu dyledion - ariannol ac emosiynol, ac mewn pob ffordd arall hefyd. Mae hon yn bygwth bod yn flwyddyn drom iawn yn llawn cyfrifoldebau, ond mae gyda ti ddigon o asgwrn cefyn a dyfalbarhâd i ymdopi. Mae misoedd Mawrth ac Ebrill yn debygol o fod yn rhai eitha rhamantus.

GEMINI:
Mae hon yn mynd i fod yn flwyddyn o newidiadau mawr yn dy fywyd. Fyddi di ddim yr un person ymhen blwyddyn ag yr wyt ti heddiw. Rwyt ti'n mynd i ddysgu llawer o wersi mawr a phwysig eleni, ond rwyt ti'n mynd i gael llawer o hwyl wrth wneud hynny hefyd!

CANCER:
Mae bywyd wedi bod yn eitha caled arnat ti yn ystod y blynyddoedd a aeth heibio, ond mae'r cyfan ar fin newid. Mae 2016 yn mynd i fod yn flwyddyn i'w chofio, yn llawn hwyl a sbri a rhamant. Tria beidio â gwario'n rhy wyllt, neu mi fyddi di'n wynebu 2017 heb geiniog yn dy boced.

LEO:
Dyma'r flwyddyn pan all unrhyw beth ddigwydd - ac mae'n debygol o wneud. Mae digwyddiadau annisgwyl rhyfeddol ar eu ffordd i ti. Fe allai pob un o dy freuddwydion ddod yn wir, ac un neu ddwy na freuddwydiest ti amdanyn nhw hefyd! Mwynhâ!

VIRGO:
Mae pethau'n mynd i fod yn eitha tawel yn ystod hanner cyntaf y flwyddyn, ond erbyn mis Gorffennaf mae llawer iawn o lwc am ddod dy ffordd. Cymer fantais ohono a phaid a gwrthod unrhyw gynnig ddaw heibio. Mae Awst yn amser da i brynnu tocyn raffl, tocyn loteri neu osod bet o unrhyw fath.

LIBRA:
Mi fyddi di'n dechrau 2016 yn llawn ynni a brwdfrydedd tuag at dy waith a dy fywyd cymdeithasol, ond mi fyddi di'n dueoddol o losgi allan cyn gweld Mis Chwefror. Bydd llawer o filiau annymunol ar ei ffordd i ti bryd hynny, gobeithio fod digon o arian yn y cadw-mi-gei i'w talu!

SCORPIO:
Mae'r flwyddyn yn dechrau'n arbennig o lewyrchus, pan fydd pob math o bethau da yn disgyn i dy gôl; pam felly mae'n rhaid i ti fod mor ddiamynedd gyda dy gariad? Rwyt ti'n ymddangos yn rywiol iawn ar hyn o bryd ac yn debygol o'i gadw oherwydd hynny, ond cymôn rho gyfle i'r truan!

SAGITTARIUS:
Mae'r flwyddyn yn dechrau gyda'r planed sobor Sadwrn yn dy arwydd, gan roi digon o gyfle i roi trefn ar dy fywyd a chadw at dy addunedau Blwyddyn Newydd. Erbyn mis Mawrth a gweddill y flwyddyn mi fydd y pwyslais astrolegol ar dy sefyllfa ariannol. Amser i fod yn ddarbodus, neu dyn a dy helpo!

CAPRICORN:
Mae'r planed Pluto - planed sy'n gallu newid dy fywyd yn gyfangwbl yn dy arwydd di am sbel go hir. Mae llawer o elfennau yn dy fywyd yn mynd i newid yn llwyr yn y misoedd a ddaw, ac mae pob newid yn un er gwell, er falle na fyddi di'n credu hynny ar y pryd. Fe allet symud cartre yn ystod y flwyddyn.

AQUARIUS:
Roedd 2015 yn flwyddyn dda yn llawn addewid, ond mae 2016 yn mynd i fod yn llawer gwell. Fe ddylet wneud yn dda IAWN yn dy waith ac yn dy fywyd personol eleni. Bydd Mis Awst yn benllanw yn dy fywyd - pan fydd rhywbeth annisgwyl a chyffrous yn debygol o ddigwydd.

PISCES:
Roedd 2015 yn flwyddyn lwcus i ti, ac mae'r lwc yn para trwy Ionawr a Chwefror yn 2016, a mae'n bosib iawn y cei di rhyw gildwrn annisgwyl rywbryd cyn diwedd y flwyddyn hefyd. Cymer ofal o dy iechyd eleni a phaid â dilyn cyngor y meddyg yn slafaidd. Mynna ail farn.

MYND AM DRO I'R FRO...I LECWYDD GYDA DAI LINGUAL

"LECKWITH" Credwch neu beidio, lle gweddol letchwith o ran etymoleg yw Leckwith felly ie, dyma fi yn defnyddio'r enw Saesneg am unwaith.

Ond wrth gwrs, llefydd yng Nghymru ydy'r rhain, felly nad enwau Cymreig - os nad Cymraeg - ydy pob enw yn ein Bro? Mwy am hynny ar ddiwedd yr erthygl efallai. Yn y cyfamser...

Tan yn ddiweddar iawn - ac efallai dyma'r rheswm nad yw Lecwydd wedi cael sylw ar y tudalennau yma o'r blaen - ro'n i o'r farn mai dim ond un stori sydd i Lecwydd:

Sef 'Lle' y 'Gwydd'; nid o reidrwydd y gwyddau 'chwaden'- ol ond y coed chwedlonol yn hytrach, ac yn wir ceir tipyn o goedwig ger y pentref hyd heddiw.

Ond, fel gyda phob enw astudiwn, ceir mwy nac un esboniad.

Er enghraifft te, o ddarllen "Place Names of Glamorgan" gan Gwynedd O. Pierce yn adran hanes lleol llyfrgell Penarth (ac i fod yn deg rydw i'n ceisio ymchwilio yn y llyfrgell ac felly'n gadael y llyfrau ar y silffoedd at ddefnydd pellach ein cyhoedd) gwelwn fod yna sawl cysyniad gwahanol ar gael i ni fynd ar ôl eu trywydd yn bellach, ac yn wir ambell i syniad hynod hylif!:

Lecquid neu Lequid (1184) – ymgais cynnar gan y Sais i ysgrifennu Lecwydd?

Llechwyth (1578) – neu le lletchwith megis Tŷ Chwith fel nes cyfeirio uchod?

Llechwedd – man ar lethr, meddai Samuel Lewis yn ei Topographical Dictionary (1843).

Yn ogystal, ni ddylem anghofio bod Llyfr Llandaf neu'r Liber Landavensis, sydd hefyd o'r 12fed ganrif, yn cyfeirio at Sant Helygwydd sydd ag eglwysi a mannau sanctaidd yn ei enw ei hun (mae'n rhannu'r enw hynny gyda choeden ond stori arall yw honno mae'n rhaid). Gellid felly ychwanegu [He]Lygwydd i restr y mannau sydd wedi eu henwi gan Sant ond heb 'Llan', 'Merthyr' neu 'Eglwys' yn eu henw? Rhestr sydd yn rhy hir i argraffu fan hyn felly dyna gêm fach i chi chwarae wrth i'r nosweithiau goleuo yn araf deg. Ydy Gwbert yn un i ddechrau?

Ta waeth, fel nes awgrymu yn fy nghyflwyniad, mater o farn ac o bryd i gilydd mater o wleidyddiaeth yw enwau, gwelir hyn yn eglur yn nrama enwog Brian Friel sef 'Translations'. Wrth enwi rydym yn cymryd perchnogaeth – a hawl – dros y peth; gall hyn fod yn bleser o'r mwyaf wrth feddwl am ddeinosor lleol yn ddiweddar. Ond, pan mae ardal, fferm neu bentref yn teimlo o dan fygythiad gan enwau estron, yna bygythiad o ryw fath yw hynny er mor ddifater mae'n gallu edrycho'r tu allan.

Gallwch ddod o hyd i fwy o wybodaeth am ddiogelu enwau llefydd Cymru yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol eleni yn Y Fenni [tre ag iddi hanes a gwrthdaro etymolegol ei hun], yn arbennig os am wirfoddoli ar stondin ar ran Cymdeithas Enwau Llefydd Cymru. Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â david@cymunedau.org neu ysgrifennwch at Dai Lingual, 16 Lewis Rd, Llandochau Fach, Bro Morgannwg.

CYLCH MEITHRIN DINAS POWYS

Mae tymor newydd Cylch Meithrin Dinas Powys bellach wedi dechrau ar Ionawr 11eg, 2016 am 9.30yb.

Rydyn ni'n cynnal ein sesiynau yn Neuadd Kynance, Dinas Powys, sydd ar waelod y Comin ar ochr y pentre. Mae croeso i blant dwy oed ymuno â ni yno am sesiwn o ddwy awr; cost sesiwn yw £8. Croesewir plant o ardal eang yn cynnwys y Barri, Y Rhws, Sully, Penarth,

Llandochau yn ogystal â Dinas Powys. Byddwn yn croesawu staff newydd i arwain y cylch yn y tymor newydd. Am ragor o wybodaeth, ffoniwch Elinor Elias Jones ar 02920512405/07967188 347.

CYMRODORION Y BARRI

Bydd ein cyfarfod nesaf yn cael ei gynnal ar y 16eg o Chwefror. Rhaglen gan ddysgwyr y Barri – os ydych yn ddysgwr, neu'n athro, galwch heibio i fwynhau'r arlwy. Festri Capel y Tabernacl am 7.15pm.

PEIDIWCH ANGHOFIO – ein Cinio Gŵyl Ddewi, nos Wener Mawrth 4ydd yng Nghlwb Golff Castell Gwenfô. Manylion oddi wrth Rhoswen Deiniol, rhoswend@hotmail.co.uk.

PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

THERE were goals galore once again for Penarth Hockey Club, but just one win from the latest round of games in the GoCrea8 Hockey League.

CIRENCESTER 9, PENARTH 7

Despite having scored 11 goals without reply when the sides met at Stanwell earlier in the season, Penarth knew they would have to rely on their new-found strength and depth to get the job done away to a Cirencester team that had been stronger at home.

Bereft of five first team regulars, Penarth still boasted a strong side, highlighting the gains made in the off-season, and remained confident of taking all three points following a positive warm-up.

True to form, the Bears came flying out of the traps and took the lead almost immediately as player-coach Ben Croxall drove into the 'D' from a free hit and found Rhys Evans, who smashed home high onto the net.

It would be a short-lived lead, however, as Cirencester equalised almost as quickly following after a mix up in the Penarth defence. The visitors then found themselves bombarded by a rampant home side, who scored a quick-fire three goals to leave the Vale side shell-shocked.

Although Laith El-Khatib would manage to give the Bears some respite from the onslaught by putting away another drag flick, Cirencester refused to let up and continued their assault, scoring a further two goal before El-Khatib scored a brilliant solo goal, receiving the ball on the halfway line before driving to the top of the 'D' and unleashing a reverse-stick shot to give Penarth some hope despite heading into half-time 6-3 down.

The scoring would not slow up in the second half either, as Penarth battled to get back into the game but remained leaky at the back, conceding too many soft goals.

With less than 10 minutes to run, a late goal rush from El-Khatib brought the visitors to within one goal of salvaging something from the game, but going a man down and pushing for the equaliser allowed Cirencester to break away and score, putting the game to bed at 9-7.

Penarth will now have to bounce back and not dwell on the defeat with both Swansea City and Cardiff University breathing down their necks at the top of De Cymru and Marches 1.

PENARTH 'B' 4, TRINITY ST DAVID'S 0

While the second XI were forced to sit out an ill-timed bye week and stew over their heavy defeat to Swansea University the previous weekend, Penarth Bees entertained Trinity St David's but made heavy weather of beating the De Cymru 3 whipping boys before running out comfortable 4-0 winners

Skipper Nick Pratt was determined that Penarth should not take the opposition lightly, despite the visitors losing 17-0 to Penarth's promotion rivals Bridgend the previous week, but the embarrassment of riches in having a large squad proved more of a hindrance than a help as the Bees struggled to establish a coherent platform from which to pressurise the previously suspect visiting defence.

The Thomas brothers, Paul and David, were prominent as Penarth finally started to exert some degree of control and, following an excellent goal from the hard working Sam Salisbury, it was Paul Thomas who settled the home side's nerves with a second strike.

Given the fragility of the visitors' defence, many expected the flood gates to open as Penarth forced a succession of penalty corners, but a combination of good goalkeeping and profligate finishing saw the Bees turn round only 2-0 ahead.

The Vale side gradually started to dominate, but the third goal this ascendancy merited continued to elude them until Sam Salisbury doubled his tally with a smart finish.

Despite further pressing and reducing the visitors to the occasional breakaway, Penarth's earlier profligacy returned and it was only following excellent advantage from umpire Matt Birch that Pratt was able to drive the back line to set up James Kerr-Smith to finally score Penarth's fourth.

There was much discussion post match as to who was Penarth's man-of-the-match before the skipper finally decided to award the accolade to the returning Dave Thomas who, once again, was behind most of the Bees' best attacking play.

Despite having failed to close the gap on second-placed Bridgend in terms of goal difference, the outcome of Penarth's season remains largely in their own hands as Bridgend still have to face the Seasiders, while both sides have games against runaway leaders Whitchurch before the end of the campaign.

The Bees now have two weeks off, but Saturday will see the younger component of the team forming the basis of a development XI playing in a round robin tournament with similar sides from Abergavenny and Bridgend.

While the Thirds sit out, both the first and second XIs face crucial weekends in their bids for divisional titles.

The senior side take on bottom of the table Llanishen & Caerphilly looking to boost both their points and goals tallies, while the seconds face two opponents from the same club as they follow Saturday's top of the table clash against Llanishen & Caerphilly 'A' with a rearranged fixture against the Cardiff club's 'B' team on Sunday.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. **CL**

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.
2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF760) in writing by 26th February 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time'

Penarth Portway Penarth – Map AI 64 AH64
On its southern end, adjacent to the southern boundary of 'The Meridian' in an northerly direction for 32 metres on both sides of the road.

On the west side of the road, approximately 20 metres north of the above restriction, in a northerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

On its northern end from its junction with Llwyn Passat, on its western side for 20 metres around the junction and on its eastern side for 16 metres around the junction.

Llwyn Passat Penarth – Map AH65
On the eastern end from the boundary of the adopted highway, in a westerly direction for 23 metres on its north side around the turning head.

Redlands Avenue Penarth – Map AJ62
On both north and south sides of the junction with Redlands Avenue, approximately 10 metres in a westerly direction.

Woodland Place Penarth – Map AK64
On the northern side of Woodland Place contiguous with the eastern edge of the existing disabled parking bay in front of property no. 22, around the inside bend to a location at the side of no.23, approximately 20 metres.

St Augustine's Crescent (part), Penarth – Map AI65 AJ65

On the southern side, from its junction with Church Place North, south-westwards to its junction with St Augustine's Road, a distance of 100 metres.

On the northern side, from the common boundary of properties four and six, north-westwards for a distance of 44 metres.

St Augustine's Road (part), Penarth – Map AI65 AJ65

On the southern side, from its junction with St Augustine's Crescent, westwards for a distance of 10 metres.

Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys – Map AL58

On the north-western side, opposite the northern boundary of number 10 Highwalls Road, in a north westerly direction for a distance of 23 metres.

On the north-eastern side, from the common boundary of numbers 6 and 8 Highwalls Road, in a north westerly direction for a distance of 25 metres.

Mill Road, Dinas Powys – Map AL58 AL59

On the south-eastern side of Mill Road, from a point 20 metres north-east of its junction with Elm Grove Road and contiguous with the existing no waiting at any time restriction, north-eastwards to its junction with Mill Close, a distance of 38 metres.

On the south-western side of Mill Road, from a point 24 metres north-east of its junction with The Square and Elm Grove Road, contiguous with the existing no waiting at any time restriction, north-eastwards for a distance of 40 metres.

Brookside Dinas Powys – Map AK60
At its junction with Cardiff Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 20 metres on both sides of the junction.

Unnamed junction south of Denys Close Dinas Powys – Map AK60
On the western side just south of Denys Close, for a distance of approximately 20 metres, contiguous with the existing restriction at its junction with Cardiff Road.

Dated this 4th day of February 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2016

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124, a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob p er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn. Effaith gyffredinol y Gorchymyn hwnnw fydd newid y mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodwyd yn yr Atodlenni isod.
2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn drwy fynd i'r cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf.IF760) erbyn 26 Chwefror 2016 gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.
3. Dylai pawb sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn a gynigiwyd ddeall bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob ymateb a gaiff i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013.

ATODLEN

Cynigiwyd 'Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg' yn y mannau hyn

Penarth Portway, Penarth – Map AI 64 AH64
Ar ei phen deheuol, wrth ymyl terfyn deheuol 'The Meridian' am 32 medr ar ddwy ochr yr heol i gyfeiriad y goglledd.

Ar ochr orllewinol yr heol sydd oddeutu 20 medr i'r gogledd o'r cyfyngiad uchod, am 12 medr i gyfeiriad y goglledd.

Ar ben gogleddol yr heol, o'r gyffordd â Llwyn Passat am 20 medr o amgylch y gyffordd honno ar ei hochr orllewinol, ac am 16 medr o amgylch y gyffordd ar ei hochr ddwyreiniol.

Llwyn Passat, Penarth – Map AH65
Ar ben dwyreiniol heol Llwyn Passat, o derfyn y briffordd fabwysiedig am 23 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin ar ei hochr ogleddol o amgylch pen y troad.

Redlands Avenue, Penarth – Map AJ62
Ar ochrau gogleddol a deheuol y gyffordd â Redlands Avenue, am oddeutu 10 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

Woodland Place, Penarth – Map AK64
Ar ochr ogleddol Woodland Place, gan gydgyffwrdd ag ymyl ddwyreiniol y gilfach barcio i bobl anabl o flaen eiddo rhif 22, a dilyn o amgylch y troad mewnol hyd at fan wrth ymyl rhif 23 - sef rhyw 23 medr i gyd.

St Augustine's Crescent (rhan yn unig), Penarth – Map AI65 AJ65
Ar ochr ddeheuol yr heol, o'r gyffordd â Church Place North, am 100 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin hyd at y gyffordd â St Augustine's Road.

Ar ochr ogleddol yr heol, o gyd-derfyn eiddo rhifau pedwar a chwech, am 44 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

St Augustine's Road (rhan yn unig), Penarth – Map AI65 AJ65
Ar ei hochr ddeheuol, o'r gyffordd â St Augustine's Crescent, am 10 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys – Map AL58
Ar yr ochr ogledd-orllewinol, gyferbyn â therfyn gogleddol rhif 10 Highwalls Road, am 23 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Ar yr ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol, o gyd-derfyn eiddo rhifau 6 ac 8 Highwalls Road, am 25 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Mill Road, Dinas Powys – Map AL58 AL59
Ar ochr dde-ddwyreiniol Mill Road, o fan sy'n 20 medr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Elm Grove Road, ac yn cydgyffwrdd â'r cyfyngiad presennol sy'n gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg, am 38 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain hyd at y gyffordd â Mill Close.

Ar ochr dde-orllewinol Mill Road, o fan sy'n 24 medr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â The Square a Elm Grove Road, ac yn cydgyffwrdd â'r cyfyngiad presennol sy'n gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg, am 40 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Brookside, Dinas Powys – Map AK60
Ar y gyffordd â Heol Caerdydd am 20 medr ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd i gyfeiriad y de.

Cyffordd ddienw i'r de o Denys Close, Dinas Powys – Map AK60
Ar yr ochr orllewinol, fymryn i'r de o Denys Close, am ryw 20 medr gan gydgyffwrdd â'r cyfyngiad presennol ar y gyffordd â Heol Caerdydd.

Dyddiedig 4 Chwefror 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

LEFT: Winning golfers Brian Jones, David Williams, Gareth Perkins, Jamie Gibson and Martyn Edwards with their king size pies!

BROTHERS PICK UP THE PIES..!

PYLE and Kenfig Golf Course with its lofty sand dunes hugging the south Wales coast of Porthcawl and its natural hazard of hillocks, valleys and towering dunes, proved an ideal venue for the recent meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers Golf Society.

Forty competitors set off from the first tee all attempting to win one of the many quality prizes and very large individual beef pies made available by the day's generous sponsor Mr Gino Cocco of Llanharan Concrete Co.

The wet weather leading up to the event had resulted in five holes on the back nine known as 'The Loop' being brought into play allowing the saturated areas of the course a chance to recover.

This proved quite a challenge to those playing these well maintained temporary holes causing a few to slip down the leaderboard.

However, credit must be given to Gareth Perkins, Martyn Edwards and David Williams who all returned to the clubhouse with very respectable identical scores of 31 stableford points.

A better back nine of 17 points by Gareth proved good enough to take first place followed by David Williams who scored 15 on the back nine.

Martyn Edwards with 13 on the back nine finished third followed by Julian Golunski who finished fourth with 29 points.

In the visitor's section John Campbell with 32 points finished runner up to Jamie Gibson who finished with the days best score of 33 point's.

Jamie also hit the longest drive on the 18th hole to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize.

Closest to the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par 3 holes were Lyn Thomas, Ken Jones and also the Llewellyn brothers, Dai and Robbie, who together with all other prizewinners also received a very large mouth watering beef pie.

Clive Thomas once again relied on guesswork to collect the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky after successfully predicting that 74 balls would spend the night resting on this highly rated course with panoramic views over the Bristol Channel, Gower Peninsular, Sker House and the magnificent Welsh mountains.

This raised £92 for the Noah's Ark charity whom the day's sponsor had requested.

Society members are now looking forward to the annual presentation dinner and dance scheduled for Friday, February 19, in the St Quentins suite of The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedules below.
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3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time'

Old Market Wenvoe – Map AG52
On its north side from its junction with Old Port Road in an easterly direction for 10 metres.

On its south side from its junction with Old Port Road in an easterly direction for 39 metres.

Burnham Avenue Sully – Map AV59
On the northern end of Burnham Avenue from its junction with South Road, in a southerly direction for approximately 20 metres on both sides of the junction.

Weston Avenue Sully – Map AW59
On the northern end of Weston Avenue from its junction with South Road, in a
southerly direction for approximately 20 metres on both sides of the junction.

Dovedale Street Barry – Map AT53
At its junction with Court Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 10 metres on both sides of the junction.

Court Road Barry – Map AT53
At its junction with Dovedale Street, in a westerly and easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres on both sides of the junction.

Llanquian Road (Cross Tree) Aberthin – Map Z30
On the northern side, from the small bridge alongside the stream for a distance of
approximately 30 metres in a north westerly direction.

Maes y Ffynon Bonvilston – Map AC42
On both sides of the junction with the A48, approximately 10 metres in a northerly direction.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed revocation (part) of No Waiting At Anytime

Colhugh Street Llantwit Major – AU22
On the eastern side just south of the junction with Spitzkop, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres, alongside property no.s 17 and 18.

Alongside properties 'Bronwydd' and 'The Court' for a distance of 20m

Alongside property 'Rose Cottage' for a distance of 10 metres

SCHEDULE 3

No Waiting at Any Time and Prohibition of Loading at Any Time

Bron-y-Mor Barry – Map BA48

On its north western side, from the western boundary wall of property no. 6, in a south westerly direction, for approximately 28m, to its junction with Birch Grove.

SCHEDULE 4

2 Hour Limited Waiting, Mon-Sat, 8am-6pm (No return within 2 hours)

Bron-y-Mor Barry (layby outside the shops) – Map BA48

On its north western side, from the western boundary wall of property no. 6, in a north easterly direction, for approximately 45m.

Dated this 4th day of February 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 2) (GWAHARDD MANNAU AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124, a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob p er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn. Effaith gyffredinol y Gorchymyn hwnnw fydd newid y mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodwyd yn yr Atodlenni isod.
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3. Dylai pawb sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn a gynigiwyd ddeall bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob ymateb a gaiff i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013.

ATODLEN 1

Cynigiwyd gweithredu gorchymyn sy'n 'gwahardd cerbydau rhag aros ar unrhyw adeg'

Hen Farchnad Gwenfô – Map AG52
Ar ei hochr ogleddol o'r gyffordd â Old Port Road am 10 medr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Ar ei hochr ddeheuol o'r gyffordd â Old Port Road am 39 medr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Burnham Avenue Sili – Map AV59
Ar ben gogleddol Burnham Avenue o'r gyffordd â South Road, am oddeutu 20 medr i gyfeiriad y de ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd.

Weston Avenue Sili – Map AW59
Ar ben gogleddol Weston Avenue, o'r gyffordd â South Road, am oddeutu 20 medr i gyfeiriad y de ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd.

Dovedale Street Y Barri – Map AT53
Ar y gyffordd â Court Road, am 10 medr i gyfeiriad y de ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd.

Court Road Y Barri – Map AT53
Ar y gyffordd â Dovedale Street, am 10 medr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin a'r dwyrain ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd.

Llanquian Road (Cross Tree) Aberthin – Map Z30
Ar yr ochr ogleddol, o'r bont fechan ac ar hyd y nant am oddeutu 30 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Maes y Ffynnon Tresimwn – Map AC42
Ar ddwy ochr y gyffordd â ffordd A48, am oddeutu 10 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd.

ATODLEN 2

Cynigiwyd diddymu rhan o orchymyn sy'n 'gwahardd cerbydau rhag aros ar unrhyw adeg'

Colhugh Street Llanilltud Fawr – AU22
Ar yr ochr ddwyreiniol fymryn i'r de o'r gyffordd â Spitzkop, am oddeutu 20 medr i gyfeiriad y de, wrth ymyl eiddo rhifau 17 a 18.

Wrth ymyl 'Bronwydd' a 'The Court' am 20 medr.

Wrth ymyl eiddo 'Rose Cottage' am 10 medr.

ATODLEN 3

Cynigiwyd gweithredu gorchymyn sy'n 'gwahardd cerbydau rhag aros a rhag llwytho ar unrhyw adeg'

Bron-y-Môr Y Barri – Map BA48

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol, o wal derfyn orllewinol eiddo rhif 6, am oddeutu 28 medr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin hyd at y gyffordd â Birch Grove.

ATODLEN 4

Cyfyngu Aros i 2 awr, Llun- Sad, 8am–6pm (heb hawl dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr)

Bron-y-Môr Y Barri (y gilfach barcio'r tu allan i'r siopau) - Map BA48

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol, o wal derfyn orllewinol eiddo rhif 6, am oddeutu 45 medr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Dyddiedig 4 Chwefror 2016

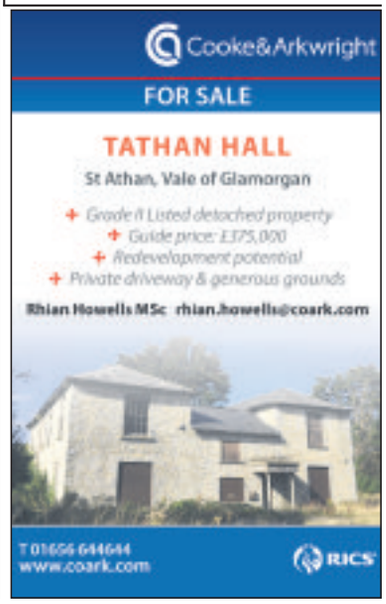
M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

Vale of Glamorgan bridge club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results for the last two weeks are as follows:

January 25: First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 64.72 per cent; second, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 60.49 per cent; third, Alan Lewis and Terry Evans, 58.64 per cent.

February 1: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 68.69 per cent; second, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 68.06 per cent; third, Geoff Tinkler and John Henson, 62.62 per cent. **LE**



Kenfig residents raise £12,000 for good causes

Residents of Llys Cynffig spell out how well they have done!

RESIDENTS at Llys Cynffig Sheltered Scheme in Pyle have been busy raising money for a number of different charities.

So busy in fact, that they have raised a remarkable £12,000 over the last few years.

The residents have worked tirelessly, arranging weekly raffles, knitting items, including Easter chicks, monthly food hamper draws and giving any small donations that they can afford.

Claire Phillips, Valleys to Coasts scheme co-ordinator, said: "At the start of each year, the tenants decide what charity they are going to support; often choosing ones close to their hearts, and then think of new ideas to raise more cash. V2C are always happy to support their ideas where they can."

Last year, the residents decided to raise money for British Heart Foundation and were pleased to present a cheque to Sammi Bell (fundraising manager) at a special afternoon tea on January 18 for the grand total of £2,130.47.

One of the tenants commented: "Not bad for a load of wrinkles, especially for such a small community."

Residents are already busy deciding on their charity for the forthcoming year and discussing new fun fundraising ideas.

Archers are on target at championships!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Archers hosted the WFAA Welsh & Open Indoor Championships for the third successive year at MOD St Athan Sports Centre on January 31.

As with the previous outings, the club turned out in force, returning a record haul of medals with a truly dominating performance.

Scoring was extremely tight in the Gents Unlimited division but veteran international Colin Ketley fronted up well, putting in some high quality arrows and managed to hold off Scottish pro archer Dennis Groom for a well-earned third place finish.

In the Gents Recurve division, Llantwit's strength in depth proved decisive as the world champion Mathew Symmonds cruised to gold, while club mate Stephen Harrison followed up with the silver medal.

In the Ladies Recurve, European silver medallist Teresa Goodwin impressed once again, scoring a personal best to take the gold by a wide margin.

It was gold too in the Veteran's division with Dean Connelly doing the honours, followed by Pete Boley who finished in second place.

The younger members of the team were also on good form with Robert Brown and Bethan Ainsworth Bibey winning gold in the cub male and female groups respectively.

Elis Marriot returned a very respectable score in the Junior male recurve group, capturing the Welsh Championship but had to settle for silver in the Open competition after Scotland's Jason Rennie edged it with a blistering performance.

It was a similar story in the Unsighted Recurve division as Ieuan Graham and Abby Campbell both took gold in the Junior group while Harry Holtam and Jessica Probert also took gold in the Cub group.

Meanwhile, in the Ladies group, Helen Langford scored strongly to see off Scottish international Isabella Frazer of Edinburgh to claim gold and round off the club's best ever medal haul at the Welsh Indoor Championships.

With the club presenting so strongly at the National Indoor Championships, it will come as no surprise that two members of the club, Teresa Goodwin and Stephen Harrison will be in action for the Welsh team at the Scottish Indoor Championships in Linlithgow on February 7.

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Farmers' drama at the Grand Pavilion

THE curtain will rise on two nights of fantastic entertainment on February 5 and 6 as Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers presents its annual drama competition at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

The event will see seven clubs go head to head over two nights to be crowned winners, with clubs from Bridgend, Llantrisant, Gelligaer and Neath entertaining the crowd on the first night, and Wick, Maendy and Gower to follow on the second.

The competition is unique in that all members of the casts are of competing age between 10 and 26, with little involvement allowed from anyone outside of these ages.

The winner will go on to represent Glamorgan at Wales YFC, and if successful, will head to the Winter Gardens at Blackpool in April to represent Wales at the National Federation Of Young Farmers final.

Glamorgan FYFC chairman, Kay Lewis Thomas, said: "I am delighted, once again, to welcome visitors to our annual drama feast. Both nights are set to thrill and entertain with varied performances from all of our seven clubs.

"The competition would not be able to take place without our supporters and members, and can I take the time to thank our sponsors for their continued support and help in securing a successful event."

Doors will open each night at 6pm with performances to start at 7pm prompt. Tickets can be obtained at the door on the night for only £10 for adults and £5 for children.

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The Pencoed pack force their way over for a try. PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Pencoed 1sts just edge out resilient Kenfig Hill RFC

Rhys Clarke sneaks through a tackle.

THE morning efforts of the home coaches and committee to get this Division One West Central match between Pencoed RFC and Kenfig Hill on at the Recreation ground were not in vain, with match official Mr Elfyn Roberts happy to give the go ahead.

The home side were caught cold in the opening minutes, a well-placed cross kick from visitors' outside half Nicky Giles into space out wide saw centre Connor O'Connell racing over, Giles adding the extras.

Pencoed hit back within minutes, a driving maul deep in the visitors' 22 resulted in scrum half Kyle Barrett crossing halfway out.

Pencoed then conceded a penalty at the restart and Giles put his side ahead 5-10. Territorially the home side were doing well into a strong wind and Rhys Clark did well to win back a clearance kick from Barrett with a good take on the run to take play into the Kenfig Hill half; however the home side were having difficulty developing any continuity, conceding a series of penalties on the floor.

Pencoed centre Rhys Thomas broke down the left and only good cover defence from the Mules forced left wing Gareth Dyer out of play.

Clarke again did well in deep defence to counter and set up a position from where home No10 Adam Williams kicked a good penalty goal into the breeze and the visitors led 8-10 at the interval.

Aaron Halse in action.

Pencoed broke early in the half following a short kick from Barrett with Williams breaking into the visitors' 22 and, following sustained pressure, the outside half put Pencoed into the lead for the first time with a 20-metre penalty goal.

The visitors then picked up a yellow card, however only a superb cover tackle from home full back Tom Cross on right wing Anthony Grabham prevented a score.

Clarke was again in the picture, breaking down the right to find Williams, who passed inside for supporting back row forward Aaron Halse to score close to the posts, Williams converting and Pencoed led by 18 points to 10.

Cross then saved another try with a tackle on left wing Stenner at the corner flag. The Mules began to enjoy a period of pressure and with the home side picking up a yellow card, things began to look a little ominous for the home support.

To their credit, however, Pencoed defended resolutely, Cross making his third try-saving tackle of the match before Barrett relieved pressure with a superb clearance from his own 22 to within metres of the opposition 22.

Thomas then put Cross away with a well-disguised pass, the home full back unfortunately unable to regather his kick ahead in the ingoal area.

The visitors then returned to the attack, with Giles dropping a goal in the final minutes to earn a well-deserved losing bonus point for his side, and the home support were to endure some anxious final moments before victory came with the final whistle.

This was a hard earned win for the home side with young Rhys Clarke taking the Pencoed man of the match accolade.

On Saturday, Pencoed host Cwmllynfell in the third round of the Swalec Plate at the Recreation Ground, kick off time to be confirmed.

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Porthcawl RFC rugby news round-up

ON a bitterly cold afternoon, Porthcawl gained revenge for the early season defeat in the Neath Valley, by winning an entertaining match at South Road on Saturday.

Both sides have seen good and bad patches this season and so evenly matched were they, it took fully 25 minutes for the points to be scored.

With both packs intent on gaining superiority, it would be down to better use of possession to decide the spoils.

Porthcawl tried to play expansive Rugby, contrasting with Cwmgwrach's more direct approach and when the home backs found a way through a stubborn defence, a scrum close to the visitors' line produced a great opportunity.

Following a driving maul, flanker Gareth Davies came up with the ball as Porthcawl drove over the line for the unconverted try and 5-0.

As is often the case, this simply spurred the visitors to up their game and it was no surprise as wing Chris Felton grabbed back a try for the visitors as Porthcawl failed to cover within two minutes.

There followed a period of ten minutes of stopped play for injury as Porthcawl wing Joe Muir went down in agony, with what turned out to be a nasty torn ligament injury and the summoning of an ambulance; he could be out for some time.

With the half-time score locked at 5-5, the first score of the second half would be crucial.

As the Porthcawl eight continued to set the platform with a series of drives, scrum-half Connor Rees, nipped through the smallest of gaps to flatfoot the defence and cross for a smart try converted by outside-half Gareth Rees for 12-5.

The visitors, competing and probing through the experienced scrum-half Richard Morris, continued to show dogged resistance and it would take quick ball moved left, for Porthcawl to extend their lead further.

Gareth Rees, always eyeing the opportunity, profited from some great approach play by the home backs with Jake Thomas' power cutting through to open the defence. Rees strolled over for the try which he also converted and 19-5.

Morris' continued effort for Cwmgwrach, kept them moving forward in determined fashion and they clawed back a further unconverted try from lock Kev Thomas to narrow the gap to 19-10, yet with Porthcawl still two scores in front.

With time ebbing away, there followed a special moment as the visitors pressed to the home 22, only for man-of-the-match Gareth Rees to snatch the pass out of the air with a timely interception and race away from the chasing cover, to score a glorious 70 metre try, which virtually put the match safe at 24-10 going into injury time.

Cwmgwrach had the last word as tired home legs reached the point of no return and No.8 Jake Smith nabbed a consolation try to end the match at 24-15, pushing Porthcawl to second in the table and a very satisfying afternoon's work, leaving coach Rhys James well-pleased.

With the Six Nations now upon us, Porthcawl's next scheduled match is at Vardre on February 20, when another win on the road would consolidate their league position; our second XV play Cefn this Saturday, kick-off 2.30pm.

PAUL FIELDING

The youth team were 19-3 winners against Ystradgynlais RFC youth; the under-11s won 5-0 against Bridgend Sports.

UNDER-10S - PORTHCAWL 0, BRIDGEND SPORTS 25

Playing at Rest Bay against Bridgend Sports on a coldish, damp wind swept morning was always going to be tough.

The first half we trailed 0-2 and at the end of the second half we lost 0-5.

Bridgend Sports were a well organised side strong in the breakdown and quick to find real width in possession of the ball.

Tackling on the whole was very good which really makes it a shame that we cannot convert that effort into a good platform of attack.

Our defence is quite robust and we were unfortunate on several occasions not to break free and score, but credit has to go to our opponents - they were very well organised in defence and snuffed out our efforts with relative ease.

The passing game is coming, but after this performance we seriously need to do some catching up.

Tackler of the day - Jake Jones; rucker of the day - Corban Ford; passer of the day - Will Thomas-Parker; most valuable player - Rhys Hibbert.

UNDER-9S - PORTHCAWL 1, BRIDGEND SPORTS 6

After a mix up with pitches we entertained Bridgend but unfortunately our passing and defence was not a patch on the last two weeks' efforts.

This spirit was clear to see in last three minutes with Ben making tackle after tackle and driving them back.

The sticky pitch didn't help our faster players but it did not stop Piers charge over for our only try of the game.

Dylan came out top tackler with Lex picking up best effort for his tackling display followed by Dewi for similar effort.

As the game went on all of our players got into the groove and Harry was unlucky not to cross in the corner before whistle blew.

The under-8s lost 12 tries to six against Bridgend Sports.

UNDER-7S - PORTHCAWL 17, BRIDGEND SPORTS 4

The boys once again were superb.

The conditions were awful, but a sticky muddy pitch did not stop the boys playing their normal quick game.

The passing from all boys was great, creating space and scoring some superb tries. Even though the Sports proved tough opposition at times, our organised defence was able to stop them almost constantly.

A special mention goes to Regan, who played his first game - he played very well on his debut and contributed with some tags and tries.

TRACEY WILLIAMS was on hand to capture the action as Pencoed RFC emerged hard-fought winners in a clash with Kenfig Hill RFC

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Kenfig Hill RFC news round-up

ABOVE: Aaron Grabham and BELOW: Connor O'Connell in action for Kenfig Hill.

THE Mules' first XV lost a close encounter to local rivals Pencoed 18-13 and in the process managed to pick up a well needed losing bonus point.

Scorers for the Mules were centre Connor O'Connell who crossed the whitewash early on following a deft cross kick from full back Matthew Tossell.

The rest of the points were from the boot of fly half Nicky Giles including a snap drop goal in the closing minutes which gained the bonus point.

Overall this was a better performance than of late with the pacey Mules back line looking increasing threatening as the game progressed. Unluckily a few refereeing decisions went against the Mules at key moments of the game which cost them dearly.

The remainder of the season will be a dogfight between half a dozen teams at the lower end of Division 1 West Central.

At this stage it is possible either one or two teams could be relegated and the Mules must play at the top of their game from now on in order to ensure they continue at this level and avoid the 'dreaded drop'.

Kenfig Hill Seconds returned to winning ways with a hard fought win over Nantyffyllon at Croft Goch on Saturday.

The Kenfig Hill backline was bolstered with the late arrival of several youth players whose match in Cornelly was a late postponement due to a waterlogged pitch.

Although Nanty pressured Kenfig Hill from the kick off with several turnovers it was Kenfig Hill who scored first centre Dale Smith kicking upfield and returning full back Michael Rawnson showing that he had lost none of his pace over the past month out as he outstripped the Nanty defence to hack the ball on, which then held up in the mud over the line for him to touch down near the corner.

The conversion was missed out wide.

There were no further scores in the first half although it was Nanty who had most possession with numerous turnovers but they couldn't turn the pressure into points as they missed a penalty to close the gap.

Moving into the second half, Kenfig Hill gradually began to have the best of the possession and territory as they went close on a number of occasions to increase their lead.

The Kenfig Hill scrum which was under pressure in the first half also started to exert some dominance led by the front row of Lloyd Jenkins, Joe Williams and Lee Williams.

However, it was captain Dan Shaddis playing out of position in the centre who finally side stepped his way over under the posts for his fifth try in the last three games with Shaun Evans adding the conversion.

Kenfig Hill continued to press for more scores in the final 15 minutes but couldn't force their way with Nanty's defence holding firm.

Kenfig Hill travel to Nantyffyllon in three weeks time for an Enoch-Lewis cup semi-final in what promises to be another tight game.

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Blue Bulls exit Cup

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls were outclassed by a strong Egremont Rangers side in the first round of the Ladbroke's Challenge Cup, going down 62-0 on a chilly afternoon in Cumbria.

It was the toughest of matches for the Welsh Conference champions as they were forced to travel up to Cumbria on the day and play a full 80 minutes after leaving south Wales at 6am.

Egremont opened well scoring as early as the fifth minute through Tom Horner, converted by Matt Bewsher.

A brace from Joe Bold, and one each from Jack Stanton and Leon Crellin, all bar the final try being converted by Bewsher, made it 28-0 to the Cumbrians at the break.

They extended their advantage three minutes into the second half through a Kevin Brown try that Bewsher improved and Egremont went on to score six more times in the game.

James Newton, Pat Wells, Matty Henson, Bewsher, Keiron Glen and Lewis Beckwith all ran over with Bewsher converting twice more.

Credit to Bridgend who never gave up and kept the Cumbrians scoreless for the final 17 minutes of the encounter.

Bridgend Blue Bulls' team manager Stephen Smith said: "It was a true test for us today. The boys tried as hard as possible but our opponents were very good. We were give a lesson in Rugby League today, but we will take it on the chin and build for the Conference season in May. This game will make us stronger."

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Bridgend man won famed sprint

Arthur Morgan who won the Scottish Powderhall Handicap Sprint in 1930.

IN 1930, Arthur Morgan of Llangewydd near Bridgend, made history by becoming the first Welshman to win the famous Scottish Powderhall Sprint in Edingburgh.

On a cold wet and windy winter's day, he put up a brilliant performance when running 121.5 yards in 12.75 seconds on a rain sodden track and against a strong wind.

Aged 22, Morgan, a splendidly built athlete,landed a huge gamble for his Welsh supporters who had backed him at odds of 10-1. By the time he went to his mark he was a 1-3 favourite.

An unemployed clerk, he had trained at Hereford Racecourse under the supervision of his friend and fellow sprinter George Cowdell.

Morgan had been competing in professional handicaps for three years and had previously won a couple of small races in Wales.

Some pundits considered that Morgan's performance was the best seen at the Powderhall in years, and had he raced in the summer, rather than winter, he would have returned a sensational time.

From Brian Lee's *The Great Welsh Sprint – The story of the Welsh Powderhall Handicap 1903-1934*.

If you have any information on Arthur Morgan then please e-mail brianlee4@virginmedia.com.

Bridgend Bridge Club news

FOLLOWING the selection of club members Simon Richards and Julian Pottage to represent Wales in the Home International Championships, we are proud and delighted to learn that sisters Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas have been selected for the Welsh Ladies team to contest the Women's Home International Championship, The Lady Milne, later in the year. Congratulations, and good luck.

RECENT RESULTS

The results for recent events are:

Wednesday, January 27 - 1st Tony Disley and John Evans, 2nd John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 3rd Emer Disley and Debbie Lea. Winners on handicap Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

Thursday, January 28 - 1st Steve Burgoyne and Gareth Jenkins, 2nd Geoff and Christine Tinkler, 3rd John Henson and Mike Williams.

Friday, January 29 - 1st Norma and David Newman, 2nd John Evans and Steve Burgoyne, 3rd Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. Winners on handicap Norma and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

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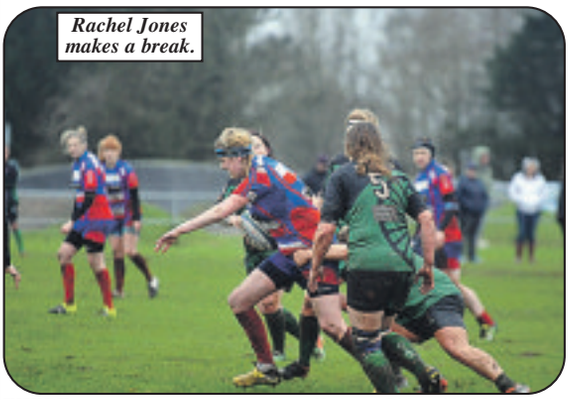
Rhianydd Moore waits for a gap in the scrum. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Phoenix battle hard with Seven Sisters



Rachel Jones makes a break.

THERE was a changed pitch because of the weather, and Pencoed Phoenix tackled their hearts out keeping Seven Sisters at bay as long as they could with unbelievable tackles and commitment.

Eventually the referee took the decision to go passive scrums for the safety of the girls involved.

It was a hard fought battle; Kathryn Stonehouse, Amie Stevens, and combined efforts from Zoe Reeves and Lisa Hughes, all impresse. Hannah Seward and Rhianydd Morgan caused many problems for Seven.

Nerys Lloyd was getting past the gain line but Phoenix just couldn't finish off the final pass. Phoenix did have a try scored by Jade Mullen.

Ladies of match: Hannah Seward and Rhianydd Morgan for Phoenix.

Phoenix have been improving with a new forwards coach in the last few weeks but need more games because of the bad weather.

The team now break for the Six Nations - if their are any women's teams that would like to play a friendly or join please contact the club on 01656 860152.

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Sports too strong for the Seaweeds

BRIDGEND Sports under-10s proved too strong for the Seaweeds of Porthcawl.

The game was switched from the South Road ground to Rest Bay. The sides may have escaped a soft muddy pitch but they had to contend with a strong easterly wind that blew across the pitch.

The conditions called for good ball retention and safe hands from the teams.

Bridgend Sports met the challenge well but soon fell on the wrong side of some highly technical decisions which initially stifled play but good discipline saw the Sports respond with competent tackles and good rucking to retrieve possession then mount attacks as they moved the ball skilfully, at every opportunity.

They scored two tries in the first half, the first following a scrum just outside the Porthcawl 22. Callum Lewis and Harri Williams worked a neat switch which saw play taken up to the Porthcawl line. Harri Williams popped up in support at the breakdown to power his way over for the try.

Whenever they had the ball, the Sports tried to play some flowing rugby as they moved the ball at every opportunity.

Callum Lewis scored the second try of the half as the Sports mounted an attack through Cian John before he passed the ball onto Mason Balmer who made ground before being tackled. From the ruck, Callum Lewis spotted a gap down the blind side six metres out to score.

From the start of the second half, Cian John weaved his way through several defenders again, before being penalised for a hand off.

Porthcawl restarted but their attack was soon brought to a halt by a tackle from Sports debutant Tyler Morgan which enabled Cadan Hayes to find space. He raced down the touchline only to be stopped just short of the line, by the Porthcawl cover.

Porthcawl tried to break out of defence but were met by a solid wall of defenders which forced an error enabling the Sports to counter with an attack that saw Mackenzie Dent break through and secure the first of three second half tries.

Iestyn John scored the fourth try for Bridgend Sports after a delightful pass from Callum Lewis that deceived his opponents; Iestyn then gathered the ball and jinked to create a gap and score the try.

Cian John scored the final try of the game last week and repeated the trick again this week when he sprinted in for a score to conclude a solid all round squad performance where all squad players took the field.

It is a key objective of the Bridgend Sports coaching team to allow all players playing time to help facilitate their development.

The Sports scored five unanswered tries in the testing conditions. This week they face a testing trip away to Pencoed.

Squad: Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins, Cadan Hayes, Callum Lewis, Cian John, Dewi Worrall, Dylan Morgan, Harri Williams, Iestyn John, Ieuan Pilliner, Joel Rogers, Lowri Long, Mackenzie Dent, Mason Balmer, Morgan Edwards, Thomas Coles, Tyler Burton.

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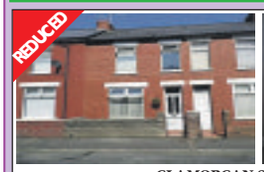

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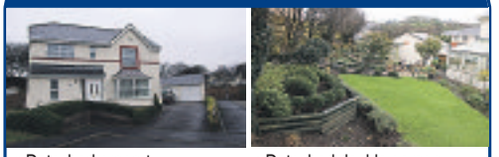

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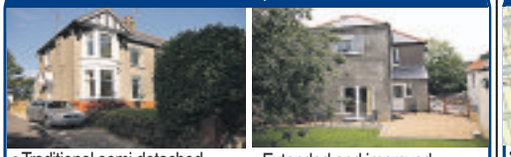

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BRADLEY
Beryl

Passed away peacefully on 17th January 2016. Beloved wife of the late John, a devoted mother and grannie. A celebration of Beryl's life to be held at St. Mary's Church, Wenvoe on Monday, 8th February at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 3pm.

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He will sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral on Thursday, February 11, service will be held at Porthkerry Church, Rhoose, at 10.45am, where friends and family please meet, followed by cremation at the Vale Crematoirum, Barry at 12pm.

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Norman Dudley

All our lives we'll miss you,
All our lives we'll care,
There's a special place within our hearts,
And you'll be forever there.

Love Michaela, Kevin and Lacey.

BONNEY
Norman Dudley

We sit and think of you,
And think of how you died,
To think you could not say goodbye,
Before you closed your eyes.

Love Alex and Zach.

McCORMACK
Fiona Summers (Née Williams)

Suddenly on Wednesday, 20th January at the U.C.H. Cardiff, Fiona, precious daughter of Colin and Jeanette, loving partner of Stuart. Beloved sister of Mari-Louise, fun loving and mischievous aunty of Millie, Charlie and Lydia, beloved niece and cousin of Hugh, Jane and Chris.

Service at the Gwent Crematorium, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, on Friday, 12th February at 12 noon. Please wear a splash of colour. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for 'Cardiff and Vale ULHB Fund 9503 - Haematology Research and Development' c/o Lawrence Prosser and Sons Funeral Director, Riverside Bungalow, Glanyrafon, Ebbw Vale, NP23 5NW.

THOMAS
Peter Francis

Peter of Llantwit Major passed away at the University Hospital of Wales on 28 January. He was the dearly loved son of Thomas and the late Ann and brother to the late Dominic, a loving brother to Bernadette and friend to Aytekin.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Friday, 12 February at 9.30am in Our Lady & St. Illtyds Catholic Church, Llantwit Major, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Donations may be made to Ty Penfro c/o the Funeral Home.

FIELD (née Thomas)
Margaret Edith 'Gee'

Peacefully on Friday, January 29th at her daughter's home in Pencoed, Gee passed away. Beloved wife of Royston, loving mother to Debra, wonderful grandmother to Hannah, Nathan, Catherine and Connor. Dear great grandmother to Jenson, Darcy and Ava. Special mention to Crookie, who had become the son she never had.

Funeral service to be held on Tuesday, 9th February at 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St. Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

TAYLOR
Keith David

Keith, aged 78 of Barry, and a well known insurance agent in the Cardiff and Barry area, passed away suddenly on Friday, January 22nd at UHW. Beloved husband of Sheila and loving father of Brian, Alan and Susan. Cherished bampi of Stephen, Neil and Nathan, Joshua and Caitlin, Ffion and Ceri and great grandfather. Father-in-law of Lisa and Taryn and brother of Kenny.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, February 10th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to the British Heart Foundation, and Ty Hafan may be made at the service.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service. 01446 407962.

CANN
Alasdair (Al)

Peacefully on January 28 at Bay View Lodge, with his parents at his bedside. Al, cherished son of John and Ann, much loved brother of David, brother-in-law of Michelle and nephew of Eleanor & Sue.

Alasdair will be gratefully missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Vale Funeral Services, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, February 10 at 2pm. Family flowers only - donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support the work of Bay View Lodge and Vale Plus in memory of Alasdair. Family request black attire optional.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis, 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

THOMAS
Catherine (Kate)

John and William would like to thank all those who attended Kate's funeral on Friday, January 29 and sent messages of sympathy.

Many thanks to all the doctors and nurses who have cared for her.

SUMMERFIELD
Gertrude Doreen

Bill would like to thank all those who sent messages of condolence and attended Gertrude's funeral. In addition, he extends his gratitude to the doctors and staff at Highlight Park, the doctor and nurse from Holme Towers, the district nurses and, in particular, the young ladies from First Grade Care who tended to his wife's every need with loving care over the last years of her life.

BELLION
Paul

The family of the late Paul Bellion would like to thank all their friends for their kind condolences and attendance at his funeral. Also, thank you to Father Ben and Lyndsay Ellis of the Vale Funeral Service.

THOMAS
Anne

Alun, Hugh and Rachel thank family and friends for their expressions of sympathy and support following the sad death of Anne.

They thank too Reverend Kevin Lake and Canon John Oeppen for their kind words and guidance. Special thanks to the staff at Holme Tower, Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Thanks also to everyone who has kindly donated to Marie Curie in Anne's memory.

HESLOP
Albert Frederick

Joan and family wish to thank everyone for their kind support following the sudden death of dear Albert. We would like to thank A.G. Adams & Sons Funeral Directors and the Reverend Kevin Lake. Also, the Royal British Legion Barry. We would also like to thank the doctors and nurses of West Quay Medical Centre.

Special thanks to Allied Carers for their wonderful love and attention that they gave to Albert over the years. Also thank you to all those who gave donations for Parkinson's Disease and Cancer Research UK.

We miss him so much.

In Memory

MOLLART
Shirley Vivienne
03.07.33 - 09.02.15

Beloved sister of Val, Hazel, Gren, Dee and sister-in-law Marian and a devoted auntie.

"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still".

In memory of
William Job Northway

My darling Bill
Died 2 years ago on his birthday 4th February
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Till we meet again
Loved and missed so much by me and all the family

All my love Eun xxx

IN MEMORY
Wilfred Davies (Wilf)

For my dearly loved husband and dad of Sandy. Passed away on 8th February 2015.

We will always remember you.
Miss and love you so very much.

Val & Sandy xx

Public Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003 SECTION 34
Notice of Application to Vary a Premises License

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would like to thank all his family and friends for their cards, presents and good wishes, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. A very special thank you to his daughter Jan for all her hard work organising and arranging a party, and to all those who attended to help him celebrate.

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WALES' only dedicated cancer research charity is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016 with the launch of a fundraising challenge to the people of the area.

Founded in 1966, Cancer Research Wales has since grown to become a major force in the discovery of new precision treatments for cancer, early diagnosis and progress towards cures.

The charity is heavily supported by ordinary people from across Wales, who have raised millions of pounds via legacies, incredible fundraising challenges, donations and charity shop purchases.

Every donation made to Cancer Research Wales goes straight to the teams of leading, world-class scientists based here in Wales, for the benefit of cancer patients everywhere.

Now, as the charity marks its 50th anniversary, it is appealing to the people to try its 'Fifty for Fifty' campaign and help Cancer Research Wales continue its vital work in the fight against cancer.

The challenge is simple – whether it's running 50 miles, baking 50 cakes, lifting 50 weights or playing 50 instruments, Cancer Research Wales is looking for its creative Welsh supporters to raise as much money as possible with a 50 theme.

The charity also has its own variety of celebratory fundraising events underway in 2016, including an epic trek in the Sahara Desert where the charity will be joined by supporters including fashion designer Julien MacDonald and ITV presenter Ruth Wignall, as well as the Big Welsh Jump skydive event, The Big Welsh Climb, 'Lose Pounds to Raise Pounds' slimming appeal and many more opportunities for people to show their support throughout the year.

Speaking about the charity's 50th Anniversary, Cancer Research Wales Charity director Liz Andrews said: "It is only through the support of people in Wales, who have run, climbed, cycled, baked, partied, collected, shopped and donated that the charity has been able to make such an impact in the fight against cancer in these last 50 years.

"Latest figures show that every day around 50 people in Wales are diagnosed with cancer. However, more people survive cancer than ever before with research making a significant contribution, thanks to the advancements that scientists make in the areas of prevention, earlier cancer diagnosis and better treatments. Thousands of families across Wales can now expect to spend more time with their loved ones thanks to cancer research science, and because of the fundraising efforts made by ordinary people."

Popular fundraising ideas include:raise £50 by helping out with one of our bucket collections; cycle 50 miles; donate £50 through our Just Giving page; bake 50 cupcakes; stay alcohol free for 50 days; complete 50 gym sessions; give up chocolate for 50 days; you get the idea!

Tenovus thanks local volunteers

ON World Cancer Day (Thursday, February 4) I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vale and Bridgend Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care groups, and all of our local volunteers who work tirelessly within their community to raise funds for and awareness of the charity.

Tenovus Cancer Care helps cancer patients and their loved ones by offering practical advice and emotional support. Our volunteers and friends groups continue to make this possible for us through their hard work and dedication, raising vital funds and helping us to reach those who need us most.

We're really very grateful to the Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care groups, but also to all of our volunteers in our shop and other volunteer roles, who make this possible.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Tenovus Cancer Care, please get in touch on 02920 768861 or by emailing alexandra.smith@tenovuscancercare.org.uk<mailto:alexandra.smith@tenovuscancercare.org.uk> to hear about our opportunities.

Alexandra Smith (Community Fundraiser for Cardiff & The Vale)

There was a local rugby derby on Saturday as Barry third XV took on Sea View - below, both clubs report back on this encounter...

Barry Thirds earn win over local rivals

AFTER months of waiting for the chance to play rugby, Barry Thirds were fixtured away to local rivals Sea View on a freezing Barry Boys pitch.

Ashley Adams was brought in at scrum half and Rhys O'Sullivan given the chance to prove his fitness in the front row after a lengthy period out with injury.

A debut was given to new signing Marc Devine and the team welcomed back Rob Williams and Jon Morris.

The game started with the Barry pack in the ascendancy. Captain Nick Rolfe was able to make several telling drives into the Sea View defence after solid scrums.

From another attacking scrum Adams collected the ball and intelligently used his pace to out-manoeuvre the View backs.

Unfortunately his kick and chase didn't pay off, much to the amusement of the large Barry support.

Centres Dave Evans and Garth Peake were making inroads into the View defence and Barry camped in the Sea View half.

After good link up play by Lloyd Dutton, Rolfe, Jones, Devine and Lee Turnbull Barry found themselves on the Sea View line.

Following several forward drives the ball was recycled to Ryan Corrigan who muscled his way over for the first try. The conversion hit the wrong side of the upright to make it 0-5.

The game restarted with Barry again putting View on the back foot and finding territory and possession.

Following strong play by Peake, wing Chris Bailey darted down the blind side and his kick ahead was only narrowly kicked out near the five metre line.

Following the line out take and resultant scrum the three-quarters shipped the ball brilliantly for centre Evans to power his way over.

Full back Ashley Forrester converted 0-12. Barry maintained their pressure on the home defence and centre Peake's strong play was rewarded with a try. Forrester again adding the extra points 0-19.

Barry pushed for the fourth try but solid View defence and the odd wrong choice prevented it. The half-time score 0-19.

Barry made three changes at half-time with Jamie Leech coming on at scrum-half, Morris to the blind side and young Tom Hunt placed in the boiler house front row. Sea View also made some changes.

This was the proverbial game of two halves as whether Barry took their their foot off the gas or Seaview raised their game, the roles we reversed.

Sea View to their credit came out snatching the scrum dominance away from Barry and exerted their own pressure.

If the first half was about the Barrians attacking prowess this half showed the mettle of their defence.

As they battered View in the first half so View exerted more and more pressure on the Barrians.

Corrigan picked an injury resulting in a reshuffle with Gareth Hall coming on late on. Poor discipline cost the Barrians valuable ground time after time; however, the offending players made amends for their errors by laying their bodies on the line and the game finished 0-19 to the Barrians.

Well done to Sea View in their second half performance. The management would like to thank all of the large crowd for their vocal support.

Devine had a solid debut as did returning players Williams and Morris.

Team: O'Sullivan, Turnbull, Fortt, Dutton, Williams, Jones, Devine , Rolfe (c), Adams, Corrigan, Evans, Peake, Evans, Bailey, Forrester. Substitutes (all used): Leech, Morris, Hunt and Hall.

The future looks healthy for Barry RFC with this strength in depth at third team level. Their next fixture is Saturday, February 13 agaisnt a touring Barcelona side, with Barry ladies also playing a fixture against Barcelona ladies the same day.

Everyone is welcome to come and support, the games kick off at 10.30am with Barry seconds at home in the afternoon against Caerau Ely, kick-off 1.30pm.

The Barry RFC Mega4 Lottery was not claimed so the fortune rolls onto this Saturday's draw - you have to be in it to win it!

AM

Rusty Sea View are beaten

LEAGUE action returned for Sea View RFC following a weather-enforced absence stretching back to November, welcoming local rivals Barry RFC Thirds in the Cardiff & District division two encounter.

Barry Thirds started strongly, fully utilising the blustery conditions and putting the View under some early pressure.

Some resolute defending from the View kept Barry RFC at bay but ultimately the impressive sustained pressure by Barry RFC and the View's increasing penalty count saw Barry RFC break the deadlock.

Two more quick tries followed, again stretching the View defence, taking the score to 0-19.

The often used cliche that it's a game of two halves couldn't have rung more true.

A strong half-time team talk and the View were injected with belief that they could put Barry RFC under the same pressure.

Resorting to their tried and tested work through the forwards the View worked their way up and were camped in Barry RFC's half for the majority of the second half as the View looked to run their penalties at the Barry RFC defenders.

The lack of league action was showing though as they couldn't find the clinical edge to convert their pressure into points.

However, the positives were evident to set the foundations for the rest of the season. Final score Sea View 0, Barry RFC 3rds 19.

If you're new to rugby or you want to dust your boots off then Sea View could be the club for you.

Training takes place at Barry Comprehensive School on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm.

The team's next game is against Canton Seconds at home (Barry Comprehensive) on February 6, 2.30pm kick off.

SJ

New skipper Josh tees off

SATURDAY, January 16, St Athan Golf Club saw the newly elected junior captain, Josh Morgan, welcomed on board to mark the start of the new golf year by club captain Mr Craig Sherman, who wished Josh every success during his year both on and off the course.

Following refreshments, Josh stood nervously on the first tee while friends, family and fellow golf members looked on.

Josh managed to hit his first tee shot of the year straight down the middle of the fairway, to applause.

Unfortunately, the juniors were unable to venture on to the still sodden fairways to place markers predicting where the junior captain's ball would come to land, but they welcomed the decision that the winner be chosen by the draw of a raffle ticket – this went to Ralph O'Carroll.

Due to rain over the last few weeks, the juniors were unable to play following the morning events, so it was arranged to go to Treetops Adventure Golf in Cardiff.

The overall winner of the visit was Ralph O'Carroll with 50 points, followed closely in second place by Fred O'Carroll with 51 points.

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INTRODUCING THE RHOOSE RUNNERS!

RIGHT: The Rhoose Runners.

A GROUP of enthusiastic runners and joggers from Rhoose have launched their own village running club.

Behind it are two ex-army residents of the village – Simon Webb and Graham Loveluck-Edwards. Readers of The GEM may remember that we ran a story back in September 2014, when Graham was running the Dublin Marathon to raise much-needed funds for the restoration of the two First World War memorials (the organ and The Lychgate) at St Curig's Church Porthkerry.

That work is still very much on-going. Graham recalls: "While I was out marathon training, I was always aware of lots of other runners in and around Rhoose, out running on their own. It made me wonder if any of them, like me, might appreciate getting together when running to make it an altogether more sociable affair."

Simon was quickly on board and the two of them mentioned it to their friends and posted a few messages on various local groups on Facebook. Now the group meet regularly every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm at Rhoose railway station car park.

They are out in all weathers. In the winter time they stick to well-lit routes. They cater for both experienced runners and beginners and usually have two or three groups running different courses according to their abilities and goals.

There is no joining fee and no minimum fitness requirements.

"If you live in or near Rhoose and want a bit of company when you run, just tag along and join in," Graham said.

"We only started meeting two weeks ago, and already we are getting 15-20 people running with us every week, so there is clearly an appetite for what we are trying to do."

One thing the group really needs is more experienced runners who are prepared to volunteer to plan runs, take warm-up sessions and marshal runs. At the moment, everything is being run by Simon and Graham.

For more information on the Rhoose Runners, who they are, where they meet, where they run and how to get in touch, visit their website at www.rhooserunners.co.uk or their Facebook page or just call Graham on 01446 623309.

Barry and district men's skittles league results

Division 1:

BP Breakaways (J.Mills 32) 276, Colcot Boys (G.Mills 28) 254; Blue Monkey (C.Jones 31) 292, Sea View (R.Belby 24) 229; Bunker Boys (K.Jeynes 29) 275, Ex-Servicemen (D.Dawkins 27) 268; Geest (A.Underdown, S.Galsworthy, S.Jones 30) 276, The Hairy Lemons (K.Silvey 32) 279; The Hairy Lemons (K.Silvey 28) 267, 49'ers (D.Whittaker, G.Yarr 29) 292; The Merrymen (A.Buckland 35) 308, Cavaliers (P.Ballantyne 34) 289.

Division 2:

'H' Bells (B.Crockford 31) 287, Tynewydd Lads (D.Sluman 31) 263; Park Rangers (N.Bright 28) 259, 'H'Bells (B.Howcroft, C.White 28) 259; The Royalists (G.Davies 32) 282, Exiles (K.Tudor 28) 277; Tynny Fliers (P.Snook 29) 275, Cannon Balls (G.Currie 27) 279; Willie Wombles (J.Kemp 30) 288, Posties (A.Bannister, M.Marks 28) 295; Witchill Poachers (S.Rogers 33) 348, Abercrete (R.Miller 39) 354.

Division 3:

British Rail (D.Slugg 29) 29) 263, Castle Boys (R.White 28) 266; Castle Boys (M.Bond 28) 278, Up The Mariner (A.Tiptpn 32) 239; Glenbrook Rangers (M.Deacon 28) 263, KP Monkeynuts (M.Davies 26) 212; KP Monkeynuts (M.Davies 28) 226, The Alternatives 286; Mariner Vikings (B.Allen, P.Thomas, M.Burrows 24) 232, Billy Bluebirds (D.Davey 28) 268; The Alternatives (D.Roderich, P. Ross 27) 266, West End Fliers (L.James 31) 277; The Rejects (R.Hembury 35) 292, Billy Whizz (M.Giggs, L.Ingrham 33) 336; Up The Mariner (R.Jones, A.Tipton 21) 206, C.U.D. (A.Day 24) 229. ***HR***

Evan lands Cheltenham 8-1 winner

EVAN Williams' King's Odyssey, partnered by Leighton Aspell, ran on gamely in the closing stages to land the £15,640 Timeform Novices' Handicap Chase at the spiritual home of jump racing last Saturday.

An 8-1 chance, seven-year-old King's Odyssey scored by one-and-three quarter lengths from Venetia Williams' Waldorf Salad, who was bidding for a three-timer.

Evan said: "The yard has had a tough week because we have lost a few horses through injury but when you have owners like William Rucker kicking you up the backside to find some winners it is great to have people like that pushing you forward."

He added: "You are never confident in a novice chase at Cheltenham and we came here to get a clear round and see how it goes. He handles this heavy ground well."

Meanwhile, at Doncaster, his nine-year-old Buywise, ridden by Brian Harding, made up a lot of ground in the closing stages to finish third behind the Alan King-trained Ziga Boy, who had made a lot of the running in the £45,560 Sky Bet Chase.

BRIAN LEE

Barry and District leagues and results

OPEN WEEK

Crib, team knock-out semi-finals - Cadoxton Cons lead West End Runaways 8-7 after the first leg, while Moors Boys lead Wyndham Cons 8-7 after the first leg.

Skittles, team knock-out semi-finals - West End C beat Rhoose Social B, while Sea View B beat Barries Boys.

Snooker, Division One, team knock-out semi-finals - Savoy A beat Harbour B, while Wyndham Cons A beat West End C.

Snooker, Division Two, team knock-out semi-finals - Penarth Cons A beat Cadoxton Cons A, while Savoy B beat Services Social B. **JW**

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Blast from the past – 1977

THIS week, The GEM's Brian Lee takes another look at his press cuttings scrapbook for 1977.

Under the heading 'Why farmer Harris is praying for some rain', I had this to say about Bonvilston farmer Tudor Harris who was pictured riding a horse called *Pipplepen* to victory.

"Farmer Tudor Harris is hoping for a rainy February. But it is not his farmland he is thinking about. He wants the ground to be heavy when he partners Mrs D M Sloman's *Linden Lad* in hunter chases this coming season.

"Harris, aged 28, has had five races under rules and has been placed in four of them.

"Linden Lad, a nine-year-old half-brother to *Mandryka*, won a novice hurdle in heavy ground a few years ago, but failed to score on the hard ground that prevailed last season. He was given only four races and was placed in three of them.

"Cheerful Tudor rode his first point-to-point winner at the age of 16 when bringing home 33-1 outsider *Old Beauty* at the Pentyrch Hunt.

"*Pipplepen*, *Arctic Flash* and *Mythlaw* are just a few of the winners he's been associated with between the flags."

Then there was my story of the Welsh owner of the Midland Grand National winner who missed seeing her horse win the race. The headline read 'Owner Misses National Victory – But Leads in £40 Winner' .

It read: "Fishguard racehorse owner Mrs Jennifer Watts should have been at Uttoxeter on Saturday to lead in her *No Scotch,* which landed the £4,000 Midlands Grand National. Instead, she was at Lydstep, cheering home her *Trefelyn Heather* which won the Vale of Clettwr Hunt Men's Open Race worth just £40.

"Mrs Watts's husband was too busy to make the trip to Uttoxeter, so Mrs Watts watched the race on a portable television set. *Trefelyn Heather* completed a double for Vernon Beynon, who had earlier scored on *East Of Eden* in the adjacent hunts' race.

"That day, the ladies' open race was won by the mighty *Mandryka* and Shan Morgan while at Howick, near Chepstow, Joe Price, riding his own horse *Hobo* won the adjacent hunts' race at odds of 25-1. And the horse it beat, *Green Art V1,* was ridden by Tudor Harris. Barry's Anne Williams took the ladies' open race on 10-1 chance *Channel Ten,* which came home 12 lengths ahead of the favourite *Sampson Brass*."

Under the heading 'Housewife Bags A Double', I wrote: "It was a good day for local riders at the well-run Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases at St Hilary on Saturday. Llancarfan housewife Mary Williams landed a double with *Rory M* and *Underhill* and Cowbridge's John Llewellyn scored on *Abbotts Delight*. Despite the absence of *Linden Lad,* the ladies still proved a thriller with the towering *Underhill* and tiny *Mandryka* matching strides throughout the last mile. *Underhill,* confidently ridden by Mary Williams, drew away at the second last to win by three lengths"

If you have any horse racing stories or pictures I would be pleased to hear from you. You can e-mail me at brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

BRIAN LEE

Interesting week for chess club

THIS was another interesting week for the Barry Chess Club.

There was only one league match played but the Vale team were involved in the Premier League and the long-awaited third round of the Club Championships took place.

In chronological order, the Welsh Premier league fourth round tie against Cardigan took place in Llanelli.

Robert Taylor on board 4 was the only Vale player to have equality in the ratings. All of the other five Vale players were all playing players rated above them.

Having spoken to top board Lee Davis, he felt personally responsible for the Vale losing the match as he had a pawn advantage but succumbed to extreme pressure.

A loss to Cardigan is not unexpected but when the result all boils down to the final match it seems hard to take.

Although the final result was a defeat by 3.5 to 2.5 there were excellent draws for both Nigel Ralphs and Stephen Bonutto.

The Quarks in division 3 made the journey to Pentyrch. In the reverse fixture we suffered a whitewash losing 5-0.

Our first aim was to put something positive on the scorecard against the divisional leaders.

In the end we did so much more than just one good result as we became only the second team to record a victory over Pentyrch this season.

An excellent victory for Peter Watkins over Viv Martin on board 1 and another victory for John Stephenson, supported by two draws, meant we returned home with a 3-2 victory.

The two draws were interesting as they were both so different. Ken Curry finished with a perpetual check whereas Martin Ricketts was two pawns down and should probably have resigned until he found a fork with his queen to win a bishop.

This current round of matches has produced some surprises with the top four teams all losing.

Finally the Club Championships took place on Thursday.

There were 22 entries and no byes earned on the night.

By now the cream should be rising to the top. The four best players found themselves on the two top boards with draws ensuing.

Board 3 had possibly the most entertaining match as it seemed to be heading for a draw with both players having the same material.

The only pieces the players had left were a knight and three pawns. However Martin Rickett's knight was centrally placed while his opponent, Stephen Bonutto had his knight at the side of the board.

Unfortunately it was the wrong side and Martin ran out as the victor and moves into a surprising third place.

The other results for the most part went as anticipated. The Davies family, Merlin and Huw, had a good night, as both recorded victories.

The Club Championship table is very close because after three rounds there are four players with 2.5 points and a further six players only a half point behind. The draw for the next round should be interesting.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PJ

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

LATEST results for January 4:

Division 1: Allsorts (C Grifiths 28) 241, SV Gals (J Richards 28) 254; Bobby's Girls (A Seldon 28) 234, Special Angels (J Abram 27) 267; Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 29) 244, Space Finders (E Worthy 28) 268; Breakaways (J Swayne, L Smith, V Martin 28) 302, Coppers (S Ford, J Hartnett, D Nessbitt 30) 316; Barry Stars (C Lambeth, Llambeth 356) 316, Bakers' Dozen (J Mullins 36) 325; Family Affair (S Evans 29) 259, Cigar Ladies (G Wood, A McCarthy 26) 240; Family and Friends (G Brown 27) 243, Castle Bandits (M Cooper 26) 237.

Division 2: Merry Makers (M Payne 25) 194, Pila Palas (E Dyke, S Bennett 24) 227; Rhoose Ravers (G Baliow 25) 222, Cad Con Fillies (S Chilcott, D Stringer 27) 264; Witchill Widows (L Young 34) 279, Vixens (K Thomas, H Jones 26) 262; Witchill Weebies (M Seldon 31) 305, Little Devils (S Jones 31) 283; Clickies (E Walters 35) 309, Rhoose Starlights (K Bryan 32) 289; Red Admirals (S Clements 26) 235, After Eights (C Hayes 24) 205.

Division 3: SV Ladies (K Lacny, S Humphries 29) 280, Rugby Triers (K Brooke 32) 310; Etcetera (M Jones, M Gravvy 27) 254, Hill Billies (J Lambeth 27) 253; Airways Angels (A Sales 29) 237, Persuaders (K Phillips 28) 229; Divas (S Green 26) 237, Westenders (M Davies, H Coombs 24) 228; Twilights (C Thomas 29) 216, La Belles (C Knight, S Peacock 23) 205; Dolly Mixtures (T Rowsell 25) 199, Fallen Angels (L Chambers27) 239; Roller Coasters (B Maffey 25) 248, Friends and Neighbours (C Ferris, E Western 22) 207.

Division 4: Odd Bods (M Enticote 28) 206, Challengers (J Jones 28) 260; Aristocats (J Weston 27) 212, Witchill Wanderers (W Peplow 27) 238; Nite Outers (L White 24) 189, Rebels (C Carter 25) 226; Hell Raisers (L Waters 25) 203, Uptown Girls (J Cosslett 31) 245; Witches (L Carey, S Beer, P Cookson, D Weighall 25) 242, Off The Rails (L McCormack 30) 226; Living on the Spare (L Howells 31) 28, Socialites (J Parker 37) 288.

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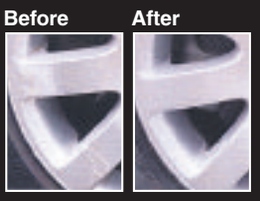

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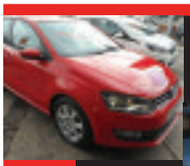

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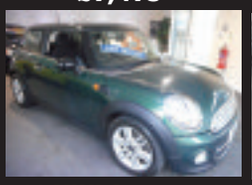

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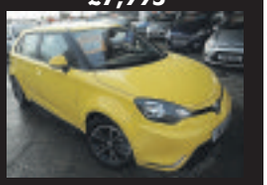

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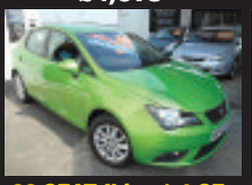

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STERN TNS CUP TEST AWAITS RESURGENT BARRY TOWN

WITH days to go, the countdown is well and truly on to the Barry Town United vs The New Saints match at Jenner Park in the fourth round of the JD Welsh Cup – and the revival of a rivalry which encompassed some memorable moments between 1994 and 2004, as the sides each occupied a place in Welsh football's domestic top flight.

The first Town vs Saints match in October 1994 ended in a 2-2 draw at Jenner Park, with the return in April notable for Paul Giles scoring in the first match since he and brother David took the managerial reins from previous boss Eddie May.

Future manager Gary Barnett would later score his first for Barry in February 1996's draw in Llansantffraid, while Giles' team marched towards a first Welsh Premier League championship.

In April 1996, a brace from Tony Bird helped Barry to a 2-1 win over the Saints at Ninian Park; the match played at the home of Cardiff City as work continued on installing new facilities at Jenner Park, including the smaller second stand.

In a trivia note, the match was also the first of two capital clashes in the space of a month, preceding a famous 1996 Welsh Cup final at the National Stadium that the Saints would win on penalties, following a scintillating 3-3 draw.

Among the thrills and spills that afternoon, Barry goalkeeper Mark Ovendale saved a pair of spot kicks in the shootout, while also stepping up to score one of his own.

On a comparatively forgotten but similarly thrilling day at Jenner Park, October 1996, served up another 3-3 draw with Phil Johnson equalising in the final moments to secure a point for the Town.

The result would maintain Barry's positive start to a league campaign they would complete with over 100 points and only one defeat. As fate would have it, that loss would come against the Saints, whose 1-0 win on home turf in March 1997 reaffirmed their status the Town's bogey side.

Nevertheless, September 1997 saw the Town earn emphatic retribution, as prolific Barry forward Eifion Williams scored five times in a thumping 10-0 win. With the Town also knocking the Saints out of the Welsh Cup in 1996-97 and 1997-98, a period of head-to-head dominance ensued with Barry completing a league double over the Saints in consecutive seasons to boot.

Among all the victories, a February 1999 match between Barry and TNS at Jenner Park played host to an unexpected visitor, in the form of one Sepp Blatter. The FIFA president had been in the capital to discuss the controversial Arsenal vs Sheffield United FA Cup tie of a week earlier, and joined UEFA counterpart Lennart Johanssen in the new stand at Jenner Park as Barry earned a 2-0 win.

Kicking off the 21st century at Jenner Park with a 5-1 triumph against TNS in January 2000, Barry were pipped to the championship on the final day of the 1999-2000 season, as the Saints clinched their first of seven Welsh Premier League titles.

As a result, the rivalry between the clubs would intensify, peaking with a 2000-01 campaign that would see them meet on seven different occasions. In the most infamous meeting of all, an FAW quarter-final at Jenner Park in April 2001, took two attempts and almost four hours to complete, following a most unusual incident.

Played in dreadful conditions, the original fixture had seen TNS take a 3-2 lead in the first half of extra-time, only for the match to be abandoned as the teams prepared to switch ends. The second attempt then brought extra-time once more, before Neil Sharp's winner settled the this war of attrition in Barry's favour.

The sides would then reconvene in May to contest their second Welsh Cup final, this time, at Wrexham's Racecourse. An altogether more tentative affair, Barry would emerge 2-0 victors following late goals from Jamie Moralee and Gary Lloyd.

Barry and TNS most recently met in the Welsh Cup in March 2002, as Kenny Brown's Town were 3-0 winners at the quarter final stage. There were however more meetings to come between these two familiar foes, including a February 2003 encounter at Jenner Park that was watched by more than 1,000 spectators, including a certain John Fashanu.

With Barry relinquishing their fully-professional status later in the year, the 2003-04 season would play host to the last Town/TNS matches to date, with the Saints beating Barry 3-0 at the Trefan in February 2005, a week after the relegation-bound Town had won their first game of the season.

In more than a decade since Barry's demotion, TNS have proven an all-conquering force in the Welsh Premier League, breaking the Town's total of championship wins and claiming a slew of Welsh Cup and League Cup accolades along the way.

Retaining the latter last weekend with a 2-0 win over Denbigh Town in Llandudno, the current Welsh Cup holders will certainly be the team to beat when they return to Barry next weekend. However, a Barry side with nothing to lose and the opportunity to make new history could prove a genuine threat for the current Welsh Premier kingpins, with local boys James Dixon, Drew Fahiya, Ryan Evans and Paul Morgan among the talented Town squad looking to achieve a famous result for a new generation.

Tickets for the Barry vs TNS match in the JD Welsh Cup fourth round on Saturday, February 6, (5.15pm kick off) are available online at barry.ticketsource.co.uk, with the remainder on sale at the turnstiles on the day; concessions available for senior citizens, students and children.

The match must be settled on the day, via extra-time and penalties if required.

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Cowbridge grab vital win over Glyncoch

COWBRIDGE entertained Glyncoch at the Athletic Field and ran out winners by 19-0.

The day started with some good ground work by Messrs Thomas and Griffiths and the pitch although boggy was declared playable.

Cowbridge had the first chance with a penalty for full back Ben Wright but it was just wide. Glyncoch over the next five minutes kept Cowbridge in and around their 25 with a series of pick and go's that needed a sterling effort to keep them out.

Cowbridge did show great handling at times between forwards and backs with centre Will Williams nearly over in the left corner after 15 minutes.

At the midpoint a Cowbridge kick down field with a good chase saw Glyncoch's full back try to clear the a ball off the floor but straight to flanker Rhod Walker also up in support was fellow flanker Connor Wyatt and then second row Alex Lewis.

The ball went out to wing James Phillips and just before going into touch he flicked it back inside for Lewis to cross for his first try of the season. Ben Wright added a superb touchline conversion.

Back came Glyncoch with more pressure as they went for the try line . Cowbridge responded with a great move from a lineout that swept upfield but the final pass from wing Chris Roberts-Walters to second row Kieran David couldn't go to hand.

Another chance came minutes later on the left wing as Phillips made a mazy run but the final pass to Williams was adjudged forward. The half finished with Glyncoch again trying to breach the Cowbridge try line but were held out.

In the second half play picked up after 16 minutes when Walker secured a great take in the lineout and the ball was spun through hands to centre Williams and then wing Roberts-Walters to get the touchdown.

On 28 minutes, and from a clearance kick, Cowbridge ran the ball back, outside half Alex Guard spun the ball out to midfield where scrum half Richie Howson had a great 35-metre run, beating three men before losing his footing when a try seemed on.

That try did come five minutes later when Cowbridge attacked down the left wing; the ball moved infield and prop Rhys Reed capping a good performance showed skills that would grace any game and popped a ball to second row David to charge over from 25 metres for his first try for the club. Wright converted and the final score was 19-0.

The game was important for a number of reasons – a win to keep things going and denying a plucky Glyncoch team any points.

There was great defence from all the team but possibly Connor Wyatt, Rhod Walker, Jon Phillips and Emyr Stone deserve a special mention. The coaches Leigh and Dan have engendered a great spirit and credit to them for that.

After the Glyncoch match it was great to see the players and officials from Barry RFC in the club on their way back after beating Pontyclun.

The youth had a great experience taking on Buenos Aires youth from Argentina.

The boys went down 21-15 against a much bigger and possibly older outfit but it was one for the CV.

Finally, we say goodbye for a time to outside half Alex Guard as he sets off on his travels. Alex has been a mainstay of the team this season and will be missed. He will be very welcome on his return.

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Netball club receives award

RED Dragon Junior Netball Club has become the first netball club in south Wales to be awarded the insport ribbon award.

The coaches at the club have made a commitment to make the activities they run suitable for disabled people and are always on the lookout for new members to join their sessions. The club met the criteria for the award with ease, due to their excellent coach-to-player ratio, number of qualified coaches, and number of trained first aiders.

Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer for the Vale of Glamorgan Council said: "Netball is a great team sport for anyone to play, and one through which children can learn skills that will stay with them for life.

"I want to give credit to the coaches and volunteers at Red Dragon Junior Netball Club. It was they who first approached the council for advice on developing a more inclusive club, as they could see how easily netball could be adapted to suit a larger range of participants.

"Having a "can do" attitude is essential when it comes to inclusion, as this opens the door to a new range of members who may not have had the opportunity to play netball before. The club deserves every success."

Red Dragon's training sessions take place every Sunday at Cadoxton Primary School sports hall in Barry, from 3pm – 5pm. There are separate sessions for different age groups ranging from 5 – 14-year-olds.

Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for January 26:

1st Mike Best & Mark Roderick 61.90%; 2nd Celia & Huw Thomas 57.81%; 3rd Diana Jones & Noelle Bond 56.55%. Dave Reed and Bryn Gough won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Wales primed to end Ireland's dream of history-making triple

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

"Our whole focus is on Ireland away. It's going to be a pretty tough game and we have been slow starters in this tournament traditionally, so we know it's important that we do start well."

THIS was the blunt warning sounded by Wales' head coach Warren Gatland and it has no doubt been drummed into the ears of the squad preparing for their opening Six Nations clash in Dublin this Sunday, February 7.

The message will not be lost on those players who remember only too well the opening match of the campaign on February 2, 2013, when the men from the Emerald Isle, led by an inspired Brian O'Driscoll, tore into a slumbering home team from the off, running up a quick-fire 23-3 lead and then holding off a belated second half fight-back to win 30-22 – and prematurely scupper Welsh hopes of a back-to-back Grand Slam,

That in the end Wales went on to smash and grab the championship from a stunned England in an epic 30-3 win in Cardiff, merely underlined the historic opportunity that had been thrown away in that first 40 minutes against Ireland, who the following year hammered the exhausted post-Lions tour Welsh players 26-3 in Dublin and edged out England for the championship, thanks to fewer points conceded in the campaign.

The Celtic pendulum swung again in the 2015 Six Nations, with a 23-16 Welsh victory in Cardiff that this time deprived the Irish of only a third Grand Slam in their history, though to their credit, the men in green did achieve a notable 'double' by retaining the championship title.

Then, of course, came the two Rugby World Cup 'warm-ups' in the autumn, which ended honours even, with Wales winning 16-10 away, and Ireland winning 35-21 at the Millennium (previously the National, and now the Principality) stadium – *which has had as many name changes as the tournament itself!*

Thus the stage is now set for the 124th clash between these arch rivals who first met on January 28, 1882 at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, the visitors winning by two goals to nil under the old scoring system in the Home Nations (which became the Five Nations, and then the Six Nations in 2000).

Ireland, on the back of their provinces' success in Europe (at least until this year!) may have appeared to have had the edge in recent years; but in fact, overall Wales have won 67 of the 123 clashes to Ireland's 52 (with four matches drawn), including half of the 60 match-ups on Irish turf.

Now a seasoned Welsh camp, re-energised by their widely-praised efforts in last year's Rugby World Cup, and with the welcome return of most of their walking wounded, will be well placed to thwart Ireland's history-making bid for a hat trick of championships.

For it is the latter's turn to be plagued by a catalogue of injuries to key personnel at the outset of a tournament, and further hit by the international retirement of iconic skipper Paul O'Connell. Not surprisingly, a near full -strength Wales will be out to exploit this in full and use it as a springboard for another title bid of their own and even a possible (*whisper it softly*) fourth Grand Slam!

Welsh followers were looking for clues as to how this could be achieved when the eagerly-awaited team sheet was unveiled on Wednesday by Warren Gatland.

Would he again go for the tried and trusted. the men who have served him, and Wales, so well for so long – or would he lob a trademark surprise or two into the mix?

And indeed he did! The inclusion of in-form wing Tom James in the starting line-up in place of Alex Cuthbert – still struggling back to form – was perhaps predictable; as is the inclusion of the towering Luke Charteris to partner Alun Wyn Jones in the second row, and fit again Jonathan Davies back at centre with Jamie Roberts.

There was little surprise in the choice of Gareth Anscombe at full back, Gatland wisely resisting the temptation to prematurely bring back Liam Williams, only just recovered from injury, at this early stage in the Six Nations campaign.

However, the main talking point has come up front – as veteran Gethin Jenkins makes way for highly-rated Rob Evans on the loosehead and has to settle for a place on a strong replacements bench, alongside Ken Owens, Bradley Davies, Tomas Francis and, most notably of all, Dan Lydiate.

Like the others, the 'Chopper' will no doubt be called on to make an impact at some point, but Gatland has given an inkling of how Wales intend to meet the Irish challenge with an exciting back row of talismanic skipper Sam Warburton in tandem with the gifted Justin Tipuric and the ever-reliable Taulope Faletau.

All in all, this is a selection that surely few could argue with, and hopes will be high as the Welsh camp sets off for Dublin.

WALES TEAM v Ireland
Gareth Anscombe; George North, Jonathan Davies, Jamie Roberts, Tom James; Dan Biggar, Gareth Davies; Rob Evans, Scott Baldwin, Samson Lee, Luke Charteris, Alun Wyn Jones, Sam Warburton (c), Justin Tipuric, Taulupe Faletau.
***Replacements*: Ken Owens, Gethin Jenkins, Tomas Francis, Bradley Davies, Dan Lydiate, Lloyd Williams, Rhys Priestland, Alex Cuthbert.**

Ath slip to disappointing defeat as students teach them a lesson

THE current season continues to prove problematic for Bridgend Athletic in the SWALEC Championship, the pinnacle of the community game.

Following successive wins against Newbridge and Bargoed back in late November and early December hopes were high that the customary surge towards the top half of the table in the new year was once again under way.

Since then four successive defeats have meant that the Athletic are in 12th place, only four points ahead of Glynneath and are in a dogfight to avoid relegation.

Saturday's opponents, the students of Cardiff Metropolitan University, have also experienced a difficult time and on the morning of the game were only one win ahead of the Ath.

So with the wind in their faces the Athletic kicked off knowing that a win would be good for their survival.

The ball quickly found its way into the visitors' half and despite having a flow of possession very little headway was made. A mistake in the loose near half-way resulted in a penalty to the Met.

Fly-half Alex Seers opened their account with a strong strike. Very soon after an offside penalty gave the students position just outside the 22 and from the lineout they forced a scrum.

The ball was hooked and neatly passed along the backline releasing wing James Beale who raced outside Jake Williams and inside Scott Govan to touch down without a hand being laid on him. Seers converted to give them a 10-0 lead.

Cardiff Met had the upper hand now despite some enthusiastic work by captain Sean Williams and open-side tearaway Ben Howe.

Another slick handling move coupled with poor communication between the Athletic defenders resulted in an attacking scrum 10 metres from the visitors' line. The scrum was wheeled and the defence wrong-footed allowing home scrum-half Myles Churcher to dart over for a try that Seers again converted.

In the last 15 minutes of the half the Athletic came more into the game as their forwards worked into the opposition half.

Hooker Nathan Holman, Number 8 Griff Davies and prop Matt Muir did their share of donkey work and locks Jon Stoker and Tom Penry-Ellis worked manfully to support them.

In this period the Athletic came close to reducing the deficit with a try of their own but again a penalty for holding on allowed the home team to clear their lines as the half closed.

At half-time Davies, Holman and Stoker were replaced by Stuart Edbrooke, Simon Mustoe and Darren Deguara and this seemed to give Bridgend Athletic a surge in momentum as they drove forward into the heart of the home defence.

In this period, they forced two penalties that Lewis Evans sent over the posts to reduce the arrears to 11 points. But any hopes the Athletic had of making a great comeback were dashed from the restart.

Their scrum had inexplicably come under pressure and as they were shunted back the resulting clean ball proved invaluable for Cardiff Met as a training-ground move sent blindside wing Beale racing under the posts unopposed. Seers duly converted to take the score to 24-6.

A fine burst by Ryan Owen, in the centre for Sean Wilcox, carried him beyond the defence and sustained driving and attacking play allowed a looped pass to reach Jake Williams on the right wing and he duly obliged by diving over to touch down in the corner.

Lewis Evans converted with a fine effort, but again there was a mistake from the kick-off as Aled Thomas was caught from behind, which allowed Met to capitalise.

The Athletic scrum disintegrated and referee Mr Kibble had no hesitation in awarding a penalty try from under the posts, Seers again added the extras.

No sooner had the Athletic restarted and gained a scrum in home territory than the ball was won against the head and a long kick ahead rolled towards the Athletic line where the unfortunate Dan Howells fumbled his clearance and was beaten to the touch down by Ollie Glasse for Met.

The Athletic managed to reduce the deficit again when a driving lineout and controlled driving play eventually allowed the ever tenacious Stuart Edbrooke to touch down for a try converted by Evans.

It was Cardiff Met who had the last word when the Athletic infringed and centre Tom Morgan scored the penalty kick to make the final score 39-20.

All at the Athletic were disappointed with a poor performance and backs coach Stuart Morris stated that it was the collective responsibility of the coaches and players to prepare well and execute their game plan with far greater efficiency in the coming months.

This Saturday the Athletic have a break from league action when they travel to Sardis Road to take on Premiership Champions and last season's SWALEC Cup runners-up Pontypridd in the second round.

The following Friday evening, February 12, is the rearranged fixture with bottom club Llanharan.

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